

Separation for Schrodinger-type operators in weighted Hilbert spaces

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ABSTRACT : The aim of this paper is to study the separation property of the Schrodinger operator L of the form $Lf(x) = -L_0f(x) + V(x)f(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, in the weighted Hilbert space $H^{\sim} = L_{2,k}(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$, the statement that achieve the separation, and the coercive estimate, with the operator potential $V(x) \in L(H)$ for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where $L(H)$ is the space of all bounded linear operators on the arbitrary Hilbert space H . The operator $L_0 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ is the differential operator with the real-valued continuous functions $a_{ij}(x)$ and $b_i(x)$. Furthermore, we study the existence and uniqueness of the solution of the second order differential equation $-\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(x) - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(x) + V(x)f(x) = W(x)$, where $W(x) \in H^{\sim}$, in the weighted Hilbert space $H^{\sim} = L_{2,k}(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$, such that $k \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is positive weight function.

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I. INTRODUCTION

It is noteworthy that Everitt and Giertz [6-9] were the first to obtain the basic results of defining the separation of differential expressions. Also Biomatov [3,4] and zettl [14] worked on the separation problem. For more fundamental results of separation see [1], [2], [5] and [12].

In [10] Mohamed and Atia have studied the separation of the Schrodinger operator of the form

$$Su(x) = -\Delta u(x) + V(x)u(x),$$

with the operator potential $V(x) \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n, L(H_1))$, in the Hilbert space $L_2(\mathbb{R}^n, H_1)$, where $\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$ is the Laplace operator in \mathbb{R}^n .

In [13] Zayed et al have studied the separation of the Laplace-Beltrami differential operator of the form

$$Au = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\det g(x)}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[\sqrt{\det g(x)} g^{-1}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right] + V(x)u(x)$$

for every $x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, in the Hilbert space $H = L_2(\Omega, H_1)$ with the operator potential $V(x) \in C^1(\Omega, L(H_1))$, where $L(H_1)$ is the space of all bounded linear operators on the Hilbert space H_1 , $g(x) = g_{ij}(x)$ is the Riemannian matrix and $g^{-1}(x)$ is the inverse of the matrix $g(x)$.

In [11] Mohamed and Atia have studied the separation for the general secondorder elliptic differential operator

$$G = G_0 + V(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

in the weighted Hilbert space $L_{2,k}(\mathbb{R}^n, H_1)$, with the operator potential $V(x)$, where

$$G_0 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) D_i^j$$

is the differential operator with the real positive coefficients $a_{ij}(x) \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $D_i^j = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$

To some positive weight function $k \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Suppose that H be an arbitrary separable Hilbert space with norm $\|\cdot\|_H$ and scalar product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H$. We introduce the weighted Hilbert space $H^\sim = L_{2,k}(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$ of all $u(x), x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, such that the norm of the vector function $u(x)$ is defined by

$$\|u\|_k = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} k^2(x) \|u(x)\|_H^2 dx \right)^{1/2}.$$

The symbol $\langle u, v \rangle_k$, such that $u, v \in H^\sim$ denotes the scalar product in H^\sim which is defined by $\langle u, v \rangle_k = \langle ku, kv \rangle$ where

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle u(x), v(x) \rangle_H dx, x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

is the scalar product in the space $L_2(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$. The space of all $u(x), x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, has generalized derivatives $D^\gamma u(x), \gamma \leq 2$ such that $u(x)$ and its derivatives $D^\gamma u(x)$ belongs to H^\sim denoted by $W_{2,k}^2(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$. The function $u(x) \in W_{2,k,loc}^2(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$ if $\forall \phi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the vector function $\phi(x)u(x) \in W_{2,k}^2(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$.

II. THE SEPARATION PROBLEM

2.1. Definition: The differential operator

$$Lf(x) = -L_0f(x) + V(x)f(x), x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

is said to be separated in the weighted Hilbert space H^\sim if the following statement holds:

If $f \in H^\sim \cap W_{2,k,loc}^2(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$ and $Lf \in H^\sim$ implies L_0f and $V(x)f \in H^\sim$. The basic result in this section has been formulated in the following theorem.

2.2. Theorem: If the potential $V(x) \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n, L(H))$ be a self-adjoint compact linear operator and for every $f \in H^\sim \cap W_{2,k,loc}^2(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$ such that $Lf \in H^\sim$, the following conditions are satisfied for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\left| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}}(x) V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) k^{-1}(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k(x) \right) \right|_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \beta_1,$$

and

$$\left| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}}(x) V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) V^{-1}(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V(x) \right) \right|_1 \leq \beta_2, i, j = 1, \dots, n,$$

where $0 < \beta_1 + \beta_2 < \frac{2}{n}$, $V_0(x) = \text{Re } V(x)$, and $|\cdot|_1$ denotes the norm of the space $L(H)$. Then the following coercive estimate is true:

$$\|Vf\|_k + \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k + \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_k + \|L_0f\|_k \leq N \|Lf\|_k,$$

where N is a constant independent on f , that is the Schrodinger-type operator L is separated in the weighted Hilbert space H^\sim .

Proof. Obviously, by using integration by parts, we get

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, w \right\rangle = - \left\langle f, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} w \right\rangle, i = 1, \dots, n, \text{ for all } f, w \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \langle kLf, kVf \rangle &= \left\langle k \left[- \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f + Vf \right], kVf \right\rangle \\ &= - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, kVf \right\rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \left\langle kb_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kVf \right\rangle + \langle kVf, kVf \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (k^2 Vf) \right\rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \left\langle kb_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kVf \right\rangle + \langle kVf, kVf \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k^2 V \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right) \right\rangle + \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k^2 f \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2kVf \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) \right\rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \left\langle kb_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kVf \right\rangle + \langle kVf, kVf \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the real parts of the two sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}\langle kL f, kV f \rangle &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\rangle \\ &+ \sum_{i,j=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) V f \right\rangle \\ &+ \sum_{i,j=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2 k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) V f \right\rangle \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left\langle k b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, k V f \right\rangle + \langle k V f, k V f \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since we have

$$\begin{aligned} -|\langle kL f, kV f \rangle| &\leq \operatorname{Re}\langle kL f, kV f \rangle \leq |\langle kL f, kV f \rangle|, \\ -\left| \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2 k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) V f \right\rangle \right| \\ &\leq \operatorname{Re} \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2 k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) V f \right\rangle \\ &\leq \left| \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2 k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) V f \right\rangle \right|, \\ -\left| \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) V f \right\rangle \right| \\ &\leq \operatorname{Re} \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) V f \right\rangle \\ &\leq \left| \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) V f \right\rangle \right|, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$-\left| \left\langle k b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, k V f \right\rangle \right| \leq \operatorname{Re} \left\langle k b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, k V f \right\rangle \leq \left| \left\langle k b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, k V f \right\rangle \right|.$$

Hence by applying the cauchy-schwarz inequality, we get

$$\operatorname{Re}\langle kL f, kV f \rangle \leq |\langle kL f, kV f \rangle| \leq \|L f\|_k \|V f\|_k,$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{Re} \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2 k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) V f \right\rangle \\ &\geq - \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k \left\| 2 a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) V f \right\|_k, \\ &\operatorname{Re} \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) V f \right\rangle \\ &\geq - \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) V f \right\|_k, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\langle k b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, k V f \right\rangle \geq - \left\| b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_k \|V f\|_k.$$

Applying the conditions (2) and (3) on the inequalities (7) and (8) respectively, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2 k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) V f \right\rangle &\geq -\beta_1 \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k \|V f\|_k, \\ \operatorname{Re} \left\langle k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) V f \right\rangle &\geq -\beta_2 \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k \|V f\|_k, \end{aligned}$$

From (10) and (11) where $\beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) Vf \right\rangle \\ & + \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) Vf \right\rangle \\ & \geq -\beta \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k \| Vf \|_k. \end{aligned}$$

For any $\alpha > 0$ and $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$|y_1| |y_2| \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} |y_1|^2 + \frac{1}{2\alpha} |y_2|^2.$$

Consequently, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) Vf \right\rangle \\ & + \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} V^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} V \right) Vf \right\rangle \\ & \geq -\frac{\beta\alpha}{2} \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k^2 - \frac{\beta}{2\alpha} \| Vf \|_k^2. \end{aligned}$$

and (9) become

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\langle kb_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kVf \right\rangle \geq -\frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_k^2 - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \| Vf \|_k^2.$$

From (6), (12) and (13) the equation (5) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \| Lf \|_k \| Vf \|_k \geq & \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k^2 - \frac{\beta\alpha}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k^2 \\ & - \frac{n^2\beta}{2\alpha} \| Vf \|_k^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_k^2 + \frac{n^2}{2\alpha} \| Vf \|_k^2 + \| Vf \|_k^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta - 1)}{2\alpha} \right] \| Vf \|_k^2 + \left[1 - \frac{\beta\alpha}{2} \right] \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_k^2 \leq \| Lf \|_k \| Vf \|_k.$$

By choosing $\frac{n^2(\beta-1)}{2} < \alpha < \frac{2}{\beta}$, we find from (14) that

$$\begin{aligned} \| Vf \|_k & \leq \left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta - 1)}{2} \right]^{-1} \| Lf \|_k, \\ \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k^2 & \leq \left[1 - \frac{\beta\alpha}{2} \right]^{-1} \left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta - 1)}{2} \right]^{-1} \| Lf \|_k^2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left\| b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_k^2 \leq \left[\frac{\alpha}{2} \right]^{-1} \left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta - 1)}{2} \right]^{-1} \| Lf \|_k^2.$$

From the inequalities (16) and (17) we can respectively obtain

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k \leq n^2 \left[1 - \frac{\beta\alpha}{2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta - 1)}{2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \| Lf \|_k,$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left\| b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_k \leq n \left[\frac{\alpha}{2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta - 1)}{2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \| Lf \|_k.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$Lf = -L_0f + V(x)f.$$

So it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_0f\|_k &\leq \|Lf\|_k + \|Vf\|_k \\ &\leq \left[1 + \left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta - 1)}{2} \right]^{-1} \right] \|Lf\|_k. \end{aligned}$$

From (15), (18), (19) and (20), we get

$$\|Vf\|_k + \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k + \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_k + \|L_0f\|_k \leq N \|Lf\|_k,$$

where

$N = 1 + 2 \left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta-1)}{2} \right]^{-1} + n^2 \left[1 - \frac{\beta\alpha}{2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta-1)}{2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} + n \left[\frac{\alpha}{2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[1 - \frac{n^2(\beta-1)}{2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, is a constant independent on f .

Now the coercive estimate (4) is obtained, and so the differential operator (1) is separated in the weighted Hilbert space H^\sim . Hence the proof is completed.

III. THE EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS PROBLEM

In the following theorem, we show that the differential equation

$$Lf(x) = - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(x) - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(x) + V(x)f(x) = W(x),$$

with the operator potential $V(x) \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n, L(H))$, has one and only one solution in the space H^\sim , where $W(x) \in H^\sim$.

3.1. Theorem:

Suppose that the elliptic differential operator (1) is separated in the weighted Hilbert space H^\sim . If there exist a positive function $t(x) \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ the following conditions are valid:

$$\left| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}}(x) V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) t^{-1}(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} t(x) \right) \right|_1 \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} r_1^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and

$$\left| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}}(x) V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x) k^{-1}(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k(x) \right) \right|_1 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} r_2^{\frac{1}{2}}, i, j = 1, \dots, n,$$

where $0 < r_1 + r_2 - \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{n^2}$ and $V_0(x) = \text{Re } V(x) \geq \text{CE}$. then the second order differential equation

$$Lf(x) = -L_0f(x) + V(x)f(x) = W(x),$$

with the operator potential $V(x)$, has a unique solution in the space H^{\sim} , where $W(x) \in H^{\sim}$.

Proof. Firstly, we prove that the homogeneous equation of the form

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(x) = V(x)f(x),$$

has only the zero solution $f(x) \equiv 0$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Let $\Phi(x) \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be a non-negative function, then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle kVf, kt\Phi f \rangle &= \left\langle k \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right], kt\Phi f \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle k \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, kt\Phi f \right\rangle + \left\langle k \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kt\Phi f \right\rangle \\ &= - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (k^2 t\Phi f) \right\rangle + \sum_{i=1}^n \left\langle kb_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kt\Phi f \right\rangle \\ &= - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k^2 t\Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\rangle - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k^2 t f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \right\rangle \\ &\quad - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k^2 \Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} t \right\rangle - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2kt\Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right\rangle + \sum_{i=1}^n \left\langle kb_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kt\Phi f \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Equating the real parts of both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle kV_0 f, kt\Phi f \rangle &= - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\langle ka_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, kt\Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\rangle - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, kt f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \right\rangle \\ &\quad - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k\Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} t \right\rangle - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2kk^{-1} t\Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \left\langle kb_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kt\Phi f \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

But on the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, ktf \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \right\rangle &= \left\langle ka_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, ktf \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \right\rangle + \left\langle ka_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, ktf \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \right\rangle \\
 &= \left\langle ka_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, ktf \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \right\rangle + \left\langle f, k^2 a_{ij} t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\rangle \\
 &= - \left\langle f, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(k^2 a_{ij} t f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \right) \right\rangle + \left\langle f, k^2 a_{ij} t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\rangle \\
 &= - \left\langle f, k^2 a_{ij} t f \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \Phi \right\rangle - \left\langle f, k^2 a_{ij} t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\rangle \\
 &\quad - \left\langle f, k^2 a_{ij} f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} t \right\rangle - \left\langle f, k^2 t f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} a_{ij} \right\rangle \\
 &\quad - \left\langle f, 2ka_{ij} t f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} k \right\rangle + \left\langle f, k^2 a_{ij} t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\rangle \\
 &= - \left\langle kf, k \left(a_{ij} t \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \Phi + a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} t \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} a_{ij} + 2k^{-1} a_{ij} t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} k \right) f \right\rangle \\
 &= - \left\| \left(a_{ij} t \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \Phi + a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} t + t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} a_{ij} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + 2k^{-1} a_{ij} t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \Phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} k \right) f \right\|_k^2, \\
 \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k\Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} t \right\rangle &= \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, kt^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} t \right) V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\rangle \\
 &\leq \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} t \right) V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_k, \\
 \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2kk^{-1} t\Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right\rangle &= \operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2kt^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\rangle \\
 &\leq \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k \left\| 2t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} k \right) V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_k,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \operatorname{Re} \left\langle kb_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kt\Phi f \right\rangle &= \operatorname{Re} \left\langle kt^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, kt^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\rangle \\
 &\leq \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_k \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_k.
 \end{aligned}$$

By using the conditions (21) and (22),

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\langle ka_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, k\Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} t \right\rangle \leq \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_k \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} r_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_k,$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\langle \mathbf{k} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2\mathbf{k} \mathbf{k}^{-1} a_{ij} \mathbf{t} \Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{k} \right\rangle \leq \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} r_2^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \left\| 2\mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}.$$

For any $\alpha > 0$ and $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$|y_1| |y_2| \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} |y_1|^2 + \frac{1}{2\alpha} |y_2|^2.$$

Consequently (28)-(30) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \mathbf{k} b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, \mathbf{k} \mathbf{t} \Phi f \right\rangle &\leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \left\| \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2, \\ \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \mathbf{k} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, \mathbf{k} \Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{t} \right\rangle &\leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \left(\frac{4}{2} r_1 \right) \left\| \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\langle \mathbf{k} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2\mathbf{k} \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{t} \Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{k} \right\rangle \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \frac{4}{2\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{2} r_2 \right) \left\| \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2.$$

For $\alpha = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \mathbf{k} b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f, \mathbf{k} \mathbf{t} \Phi f \right\rangle &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2, \\ \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \mathbf{k} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, \mathbf{k} \Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{t} \right\rangle + \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \mathbf{k} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f, 2\mathbf{k} \mathbf{k}^{-1} \mathbf{t} \Phi f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{k} \right\rangle \\ &\leq \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + (r_1 + r_2) \left\| \mathbf{t}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}} V_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f \right\|_{\mathbf{k}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

By substituting (25), (34) and (35) into (24), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle kV_0f, kt\Phi f \rangle &= \left\langle kt^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}f, kt^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}f \right\rangle = \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}f \right\|_k^2 \\
 &\leq - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}}t^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}f \right\|_k^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| \left(a_{ij}t\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j\partial x_i}\Phi + a_{ij}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\Phi\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}t + t\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\Phi\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}a_{ij} \right) \right\|_{ij}^2 \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\Phi\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}k \right\|^{\frac{1}{2}} f \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}}t^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}f \right\|_k^2 + n^2(r_1 + r_2) \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}f \right\|_k^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}b_i\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}f \right\|_k^2 - \frac{1}{2}n^2 \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}f \right\|_k^2 \\
 &\quad [1 - n^2(r_1 + r_2) + \frac{1}{2}n^2] \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}f \right\|_k^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}}\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}b_i\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}f \right\|_k^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| \left(a_{ij}t\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j\partial x_i}\Phi + a_{ij}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\Phi\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}t + t\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\Phi\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}a_{ij} \right) \right\|^2 \\
 &\quad + 2k^{-1}a_{ij}t\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\Phi\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}k \right\|^{\frac{1}{2}} f
 \end{aligned}$$

By choosing $\Phi(x) \equiv 1$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left[1 - n^2 \left(r_1 + r_2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} k^2(x) \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}}(x)V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}(x)f(x) \right\|_H^2 dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} k^2(x) \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| t^{\frac{1}{2}}(x)V_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x)b_i(x)\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}f(x) \right\|_H^2 dx \leq 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

which holds only for $f(x) \equiv 0$.

Now it is easy to check that the linear manifold $M = \{W: W = Lf; f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)\}$ is dense everywhere in H^\sim . So for $W \in H^\sim$ there exist a sequence $\{Ly_m\}$ in M such that $\|Ly_m - W\|_k \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

Applying the coercive estimate (4), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|V(y_p - y_m)\|_k &+ \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(y_p - y_m) \right\|_k + \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| b_i\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(y_p - y_m) \right\|_k \\
 &\quad + \|L_0(y_p - y_m)\|_k \leq N\|L(y_p - y_m)\|_k,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $f = (y_p - y_m)$, $p, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

As $p \rightarrow \infty$ and $m \rightarrow \infty$, we see that the sequences $\{Vy_m\}$, $\left\{ a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}y_m \right\}$, $\left\{ b_i\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}y_m \right\}$ and $\{L_0y_m\}$ are convergent and consequently, they are Cauchy sequences in H^\sim . Then there exist vector functions Ψ_0, Ψ_1, Ψ_2 and Ψ_3 in H^\sim such that $\|Vy_m - \Psi_0\|_k \rightarrow 0$, $\left\| a_{ij}^{\frac{1}{2}}V_0^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}y_m - \Psi_1 \right\|_k \rightarrow 0$, $\left\| b_i\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}y_m - \Psi_2 \right\|_k \rightarrow 0$ and $\|L_0y_m - \Psi_3\|_k \rightarrow 0$.

$\Psi_3 \|_k \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$, and so we have $\{Vy_m\}$, $\left\{a_{ij}^2 V_0^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} y_m\right\}$, $\left\{b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} y_m\right\}$ and $\{L_0 y_m\}$ are bounded sequences in H^\sim . This implies for $m \rightarrow \infty$ that

$$y_m \rightarrow V^{-1}\Psi_0 = y, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} y_m \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} y, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} y_m \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} y,$$

and

$$L_0 y_m \rightarrow L_0 y, i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Hence for a given $W \in H^\sim$ there exist $y \in H^\sim \cap W_{2,k,loc}^2(\mathbb{R}^n, H)$ such that $Ly = W$. Suppose y^\sim is another solution of the differential equation $Lf = W$, then $L(y - y^\sim) = 0$, but $Lf = 0$ has only zero solution, implies $y - y^\sim = 0$ so $y = y^\sim$, then the uniqueness is proved. Hence the proof is completed.

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