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**Algebraic sum of unbounded normal operators and the square root problem of Kato.**

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Taking  $A$  and  $B$  to be unbounded normal operators on a complex Hilbert space  $\mathbb{H}$ , we may, as a consequence of the spectral theorem, write  $A = A_1 - iA_2$  and  $B = B_1 - iB_2$ , where the  $A_k$  and  $B_k$  are unbounded selfadjoint operators on  $\mathbb{H}$ . If, moreover, the operators  $A_k$  and  $B_k$  are non-negative, then, considering the sesquilinear functionals defined by  $\phi(u, v) := \langle A_1 u, v \rangle - i \langle A_2 u, v \rangle$ ,  $\psi(u, v) := \langle B_1 u, v \rangle - i \langle B_2 u, v \rangle$ , and  $\xi(u, v) := \phi(u, v) + \psi(u, v)$ , we see that if  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are sectorial, that is, if there exist constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  with  $\text{Im} \phi(u, u) \leq c_1 \text{Re} \phi(u, u)$  and  $\text{Im} \psi(u, u) \leq c_2 \text{Re} \psi(u, u)$  for all  $u$  in the appropriate domains, then  $\xi$  is sectorial as well.

Theorem 2.1 of the present paper demonstrates that, under the further assumptions that the intersection of the domains of  $A$  and  $B$  is dense in  $\mathbb{H}$  and that the operator  $\overline{A + B}$  is maximal, then this latter operator satisfies the square root problem of Kato; that is, the domains of  $\overline{A + B}^{1/2}$  and  $\overline{A + B}^{*1/2}$  both coincide with the intersection of the domains of  $A^{1/2}$  and  $B^{1/2}$ . The density assumption on  $\text{Dom}(A) \cap \text{Dom}(B)$  can be replaced with certain conditions on  $\text{Dom}(|A|^{1/2}) \cap \text{Dom}(|B|^{1/2})$  that ensure (Theorem 2.2) the existence of an operator  $A \oplus B$  (a “generalized” sum of  $A$  and  $B$ ) satisfying the square root problem of Kato. (So  $\text{Dom}((A \oplus B)^{1/2}) = \text{Dom}((A \oplus B)^{*1/2}) = \text{Dom}(|A|^{1/2}) \cap \text{Dom}(|B|^{1/2})$ .)

The paper concludes with an example where the sum  $A + B$  is a perturbed Schrödinger operator.

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