# $\beta$-Dirac systems 

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#### Abstract

In this study, we introduce a $\beta$-Dirac system. Some spectral properties of this system are studied in detail.


## 1. Introduction

Nowadays, quantum calculus plays an important role in many areas of mathematics such as the calculus of variations, quantum mechanics, economical problems with a dynamic nature, orthogonal polynomials, and the theory of scale relativity ([8]). In 2015, Hamza et al. ([11]) defined the general quantum difference operator $D_{\beta}$ by the formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
D_{\beta} z(x)=\frac{z(\beta(x))-z(x)}{\beta(x)-x} . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

This operator generalizes two important operators. If we take $\beta(x)=q x$, then we obtain the quantum difference operator ([14]) defined as

$$
D_{q} z(x):=\frac{z(q x)-z(x)}{(q x)-x}, x \neq 0
$$

If we take $\beta(x)=q x+\omega$, then we obtain the Hahn quantum difference operator ([13]) defined as

$$
D_{\omega, q} y(x)=\frac{y(\omega+q x)-y(x)}{\omega+(q-1) x}
$$

In [12], Hamza and Shehata have studied some inequalities based on a general quantum difference operator. In [7], Cardoso has studied the $\beta$-integral. Later, a $\beta$-Sturm-Liouville eigenvalue problem was studied in [6]. The Dirac system defined as

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & -1  \tag{2}\\
1 & 0
\end{array}\right)\binom{z_{1}^{\prime}}{z_{2}^{\prime}}+\left(\begin{array}{cc}
q(x) & 0 \\
0 & w(x)
\end{array}\right)\binom{z_{1}}{z_{2}}=\lambda\binom{z_{1}}{z_{2}}, a \leq x \leq b
$$

[^0]is important in physics because its equation gives a description of the electron spin and predicts the existence of antimatter. These systems have interesting spectral properties (see [1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 16, 17, 25, 26] and the references therein). On the other hand, if the differential operator is replaced with $D_{\beta}$ in Eq. (2), then we obtain a $\beta$-Dirac system. In this paper, we introduce the $\beta$-Dirac system
\[

\left($$
\begin{array}{cc}
0 & -D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}}  \tag{3}\\
D_{\beta} & 0
\end{array}
$$\right)\binom{z_{1}}{z_{2}}+\left($$
\begin{array}{cc}
q(x) & 0 \\
0 & w(x)
\end{array}
$$\right)\binom{z_{1}}{z_{2}}=\lambda\binom{z_{1}}{z_{2}}
\]

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, z=\binom{z_{1}}{z_{2}}$, and $s_{0} \leq x \leq b<\infty$. We shall study some spectral properties of this system. The authors $[2,3]$ have studied Eq. (3) when $\beta(x)=q x$ and $\beta(x)=q x+\omega$. Similar problems was investigated for various classes of differential equations in $[1,4,5,9,10,16-26]$. Now, we state a few definitions which are basic to $\beta$-calculus. Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval and $\beta: I \rightarrow I$ a strictly increasing and continuous function with a unique fixed point $s_{0} \in I$ that satisfies

$$
\left(s_{0}-x\right)(\beta(x)-x) \geq 0
$$

for all $x \in I$, where the equality holds only when $x=s_{0}$. For $z: I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, the general difference operator $D_{\beta}$ is defined as

$$
D_{\beta} z(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{cl}
\frac{z(\beta(x))-z(x)}{\beta(x)-x} & \text { if } x \neq s_{0} \\
z^{\prime}\left(s_{0}\right) & \text { if } x=s_{0}
\end{array}\right.
$$

provided that $z^{\prime}\left(s_{0}\right)$ exists ([11]). Now, we present some properties of the $\beta$-derivative ([11]). Let $f, g$ be $\beta-$ differentiable at $x \in I$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
D_{\beta}(a f+b g)(x) & =a D_{\beta} f(x)+b D_{\beta} g(x), a, b \in I \\
D_{\beta}(f g)(x) & =D_{\beta}(f(x)) g(x)+f(\beta(x)) D_{\beta} g(x) \\
& =D_{\beta}(f(x)) g(\beta(x))+f(x) D_{\beta} g(x) \\
D_{\beta}\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) & =\frac{D_{\beta}(f(x)) g(x)-f(x) D_{\beta} g(x)}{g(x) g(\beta(x))}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $g(x) g(\beta(x)) \neq 0, x \in I$. The $\beta$-integration ([11]), with $a, b \in I$ is given by

$$
\int_{a}^{b} z(x) d_{\beta} x=\int_{s_{0}}^{b} z(x) d_{\beta} x-\int_{s_{0}}^{a} z(x) d_{\beta} x
$$

where

$$
\int_{s_{0}}^{x} z(t) d_{\beta} t=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(\beta^{n}(x)-\beta^{n+1}(x)\right) z\left(\beta^{n}(x)\right) .
$$

The fundamental theorem of $\beta$-calculus given in ([11]) states that if $z: I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous at $s_{0}$, and

$$
Z(x)=\int_{s_{0}}^{x} z(t) d_{\beta} t, x \in I
$$

then $Z$ is continuous at $s_{0}, D_{\beta} Z(x)$ exists for all $x \in I$ and $D_{\beta} Z(x)=z(x)$. Let $L_{\beta}^{2}\left[s_{0}, b\right]$ be the space of all complex-valued functions on $\left[s_{0}, b\right]$ such that

$$
\|z\|:=\left(\int_{s_{0}}^{b}|z|^{2} d_{\beta} x\right)^{1 / 2}<\infty
$$

The space $L_{\beta}^{2}\left[s_{0}, b\right]$ is a Hilbert space with the inner product

$$
\langle z, y\rangle:=\int_{s_{0}}^{b} z \bar{y} d_{\beta} x
$$

where $z, y \in L_{\beta}^{2}\left[s_{0}, b\right]$ ([7]).

Lemma 1.1 ([6]). Let $z, y \in L_{\beta}^{2}\left[s_{0}, b\right]$ be both continuous at $s_{0}$. Then we have

$$
\left\langle-D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}} z, y\right\rangle-\left\langle z, D_{\beta} y\right\rangle=z\left(s_{0}\right) \overline{y\left(s_{0}\right)}-z\left(\beta^{-1}(b)\right) \overline{y(b)}
$$

## 2. Self-adjoint system

In this part, we introduce a self-adjoint $\beta$-Dirac system. Now, we can construct the Hilbert space $L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}^{2}\right)$ with the inner product

$$
(f, g):=\int_{s_{0}}^{b}(f, g)_{\mathbb{C}^{2}} d_{\beta} x
$$

Consider the following $\beta$-Dirac system

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Upsilon z=\lambda z \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

with boundary conditions

$$
\begin{align*}
& S_{1}(z):=s_{11} z_{1}\left(s_{0}\right)+s_{12} z_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}\left(s_{0}\right)\right)=0,  \tag{5}\\
& S_{2}(z):=s_{21} z_{1}(b)+s_{22} z_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}(b)\right)=0, \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, z=\binom{z_{1}}{z_{2}}, s_{0} \leq x \leq b<\infty, \\
& \Upsilon z:=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
-D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}} z_{2}+q(x) z_{1} \\
D_{\beta} z_{1}+w(x) z_{2},
\end{array}\right. \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

$q$ (.) and $w($.$) are real-valued continuous functions on \left[s_{0}, b\right], q(),. w(.) \in L_{\beta}^{1}\left[s_{0}, b\right]$ and $\left\{s_{i j}\right\}_{i, j=1,2}$ are arbitrary real numbers such that the rank of the matrix $\left(s_{i j}\right)$ is 2 .

Theorem 2.1. The $\beta$-Dirac system defined as (4)-(6) is formally self-adjoint on $L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}^{2}\right)$.

Proof. Let $z(),. y(.) \in L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}^{2}\right)$. Then, we see that

$$
\begin{aligned}
(\Upsilon z, y)-(z, \Upsilon y) & =\int_{s_{0}}^{b}\left(-D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}} z_{2}+q(x) z_{1}\right) \overline{y_{1}} d_{\beta} x \\
& +\int_{s_{0}}^{b}\left(D_{\beta} z_{1}+w(x) z_{2}\right) \overline{y_{2}} d_{\beta} x \\
& -\int_{s_{0}}^{b} z_{1} \overline{\left(-D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}} y_{2}+q(x) y_{1}\right)} d_{\beta} x \\
& -\int_{s_{0}}^{b} z_{2} \overline{\left(D_{\beta} y_{1}+w(x) y_{2}\right)} d_{\beta} x \\
& =-\int_{s_{0}}^{b}\left[\left(D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}} z_{2}\right) \overline{y_{1}}+z_{2} \overline{\left(D_{\beta} y_{1}\right)}\right] d_{\beta} x \\
& +\int_{s_{0}}^{b}\left[\left(D_{\beta} z_{1}\right) \overline{y_{2}}+z_{1} \overline{\left(D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}} y_{2}\right)}\right] d_{\beta} x
\end{aligned}
$$

From Lemma 1.1, we see that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int_{s_{0}}^{b}\left[\left(-D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}} z_{2}\right) \overline{y_{1}}-z_{2} \overline{\left(D_{\beta} y_{1}\right)}\right] d_{\beta} x \\
& =\overline{y_{1}\left(s_{0}\right)} z_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}\left(s_{0}\right)\right)-\overline{y_{1}(b)} z_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}(b)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int_{s_{0}}^{b}\left[\left(D_{\beta} z_{1}\right) \overline{y_{2}}+z_{1} \overline{\left(D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}} y_{2}\right)}\right] d d_{\beta} x \\
& =z_{1}(b) \overline{y_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}(b)\right)}-z_{1}\left(s_{0}\right) \overline{y_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}\left(s_{0}\right)\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
(\Upsilon z, y)-(z, \Upsilon y)=[z, y]_{b}-[z, y]_{s_{0}} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
[z, y]_{x}:=z_{1}(x) \overline{y_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}(x)\right)}-\overline{y_{1}(x)} z_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}(x)\right)
$$

It follows from (5) and (6) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
(\Upsilon z, y)=(z, \Upsilon y) \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

From Theorem 2.1, we obtain the following corollary.
Corollary 2.2. All eigenvalues of the problem defined by (4)-(6) are real and simple. Eigenfunctions corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.

## 3. Green's function

Consider a solution of the following system

$$
\begin{align*}
& -D_{\beta} \beta^{-1} D_{\beta^{-1}} z_{2}+\{-\lambda+q(x)\} z_{1}=h_{1}(x),  \tag{10}\\
& D_{\beta} z_{1}+\{-\lambda+w(x)\} z_{2}=h_{2}(x), \tag{11}
\end{align*}
$$

with the boundary conditions

$$
\begin{align*}
s_{11} z_{1}\left(s_{0}\right)+s_{12} z_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}\left(s_{0}\right)\right) & =0  \tag{12}\\
s_{21} z_{1}(b)+s_{22} z_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}(b)\right) & =0, \tag{13}
\end{align*}
$$

where $s_{0} \leq x \leq b<\infty$, and

$$
h(.)=\binom{h_{1}(.)}{h_{2}(.)} \in L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}^{2}\right) .
$$

Denote by

$$
\Phi_{1}(x, \lambda)=\binom{\Phi_{11}(x, \lambda)}{\Phi_{12}(x, \lambda)}
$$

and

$$
\Phi_{2}(x, \lambda)=\binom{\Phi_{21}(x, \lambda)}{\Phi_{22}(x, \lambda)}
$$

two basic solutions of the system (4)-(6) which satisfy the following initial conditions

$$
\Phi_{11}(b, \lambda)=s_{12}, \Phi_{12}\left(\beta^{-1}(b), \lambda\right)=-s_{11}
$$

and

$$
\Phi_{21}\left(s_{0}, \lambda\right)=s_{22}, \Phi_{22}\left(\beta^{-1}\left(s_{0}\right), \lambda\right)=-s_{21} .
$$

Let

$$
z(x)=\binom{z_{1}(x)}{z_{2}(x)}, y(x)=\binom{y_{1}(x)}{y_{2}(x)}
$$

and $z, y \in L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}^{2}\right)$. Then, the $\beta$-Wronskian of $y(x)$ and $z(x)$ is defined by the formula

$$
W_{\beta}(z, y)(x)=z_{1}(x) y_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}(x)\right)-y_{1}(x) z_{2}\left(\beta^{-1}(x)\right) .
$$

It is clear that the Wronskian of any solution of Eq. (4) is independent of $x$. In fact, from (8), we see that

$$
(\Upsilon z, y)-(z, \Upsilon y)=[z, y]_{b}-[z, y]_{s_{0}},
$$

where $z(x)$ and $y(x)$ are two solutions of Eq. (4). Since $\Upsilon z=\lambda z$ and $\Upsilon y=\lambda y$, we get

$$
\begin{gathered}
(\lambda z, y)-(z, \lambda y)=[z, y]_{b}-[z, y]_{s_{0}} \\
(\lambda-\bar{\lambda})(z, y)=[z, y]_{b}-[z, y]_{s_{0}} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Then we obtain $[z, y]_{b}=[z, y]_{s_{0}}=W_{\beta}(z, \bar{y})\left(s_{0}\right)$ because $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. The function $D(\lambda):=W_{\beta}\left(\Phi_{1}, \Phi_{2}\right)$ is called the characteristic function associated with the boundary-value problem (4)-(6). The zeros of $D(\lambda)$ are exactly the eigenvalues of the problem. Then we have the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1. If $D(\lambda) \neq 0$, then the non-homogeneous boundary value problem (10)-(13) has a unique solution $z(t, \lambda)$ defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
z(x, \lambda)=(G(x, ., \lambda), \overline{h(.)}), x \in\left[s_{0}, b\right] \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
G(x, t, \lambda)=\frac{1}{D(\lambda)} \begin{cases}\Phi_{2}(x, \lambda) \Phi_{1}^{T}(t, \lambda), & s_{0} \leq t \leq x  \tag{15}\\ \Phi_{1}(x, \lambda) \Phi_{2}^{T}(t, \lambda), & x<t \leq b\end{cases}
$$

Proof. From (14) and (15), we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
z_{1}(x, \lambda) & =\frac{1}{D(\lambda)} \Phi_{21}(x, \lambda) \int_{s_{0}}^{x}\binom{\Phi_{11}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{12}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d_{\beta} t \\
& +\frac{1}{D(\lambda)} \Phi_{11}(x, \lambda) \int_{x}^{b}\binom{\Phi_{21}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{22}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d_{\beta} t  \tag{16}\\
z_{2}(x, \lambda) & =\frac{1}{D(\lambda)} \Phi_{22}(x, \lambda) \int_{s_{0}}^{x}\binom{\Phi_{11}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{12}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d d_{\beta} t \\
& +\frac{1}{D(\lambda)} \Phi_{12}(x, \lambda) \int_{x}^{b}\binom{\Phi_{21}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{22}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d_{\beta} t \tag{17}
\end{align*}
$$

By (16), we see that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& D_{\beta} z_{1}(x, \lambda)=\frac{1}{D(\lambda)} D_{\beta} \Phi_{21}(x, \lambda) \int_{s_{0}}^{x}\binom{\Phi_{11}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{12}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d_{\beta} t \\
& +\frac{1}{D(\lambda)} D_{\beta} \Phi_{11}(x, \lambda) \int_{x}^{b}\binom{\Phi_{21}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{22}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d_{\beta} t \\
& +\frac{1}{D(\lambda)} W_{\beta}\left(\Phi_{1}, \Phi_{2}\right) h_{2}(x) \\
& =-\frac{1}{D(\lambda)}\{-\lambda+w(x)\} \Phi_{22}(x, \lambda) \int_{s_{0}}^{x}\binom{\Phi_{11}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{12}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d_{\beta} t \\
& -\frac{1}{D(\lambda)}\{-\lambda+w(x)\} \Phi_{12}(x, \lambda) \int_{x}^{b}\binom{\Phi_{21}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{22}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d_{\beta} t+h_{2}(x) \\
& =-\{-\lambda+w(x)\} \frac{1}{D(\lambda)} \Phi_{22}(x, \lambda) \int_{s_{0}}^{x}\binom{\Phi_{11}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{12}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d_{\beta} t \\
& -\{-\lambda+w(x)\} \frac{1}{D(\lambda)} \Phi_{12}(x, \lambda) \int_{x}^{b}\binom{\Phi_{21}(t, \lambda) h_{1}(t)}{+\Phi_{22}(t, \lambda) h_{2}(t)} d_{\beta} t \\
& +h_{2}(x)=-\{-\lambda+w(x)\} z_{2}(x, \lambda)+h_{2}(x) .
\end{aligned}
$$

The validity of (10) is proved similarly. One proves that (14) satisfies the conditions (12)-(13).

## 4. Eigenfunction Expansions

In this section, we will obtain an eigenfunction expansion. Firstly, we will give the following definition and theorem.

Definition 4.1. A function $M(x, t)$ of two variables with $s_{0}<x$ and $t<b$ is called a $\beta$-Hilbert-Schmidt kernel if

$$
\int_{s_{0}}^{b} \int_{s_{0}}^{b}|M(x, t)|^{2} d_{\beta} x d_{\beta} t<+\infty .
$$

Theorem 4.2 ([23]). The operator $A$ defined by the formula

$$
A\left\{x_{i}\right\}=\left\{y_{i}\right\},
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{i}=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{i k} x_{k}(i \in \mathbb{N}:=\{1,2,3, \ldots\}) \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

is compact in $l^{2}$, if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{i, k=1}^{\infty}\left|a_{i k}\right|^{2}<+\infty . \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let us define the operator $L$ by the formula

$$
L y=\Upsilon y, y \in D_{L},
$$

where $\Upsilon$ is defined by (7) and

$$
D_{L}=\left\{z \in L_{\beta}^{2}\left[s_{0}, b\right]: \begin{array}{c}
D_{\beta} z \text { and } D_{\beta^{-1}} z \text { are continuous } \\
\text { on }\left[s_{0}, b\right], \text { and } S_{1}(z)=0, S_{2}(z)=0 .
\end{array}\right\} .
$$

Without loss of generality, we can assume that $\lambda=0$ is not an eigenvalue. Then, $\operatorname{ker} L=\{0\}$. Thus the solution of the problem

$$
(L z)(x)=h(x), h(.) \in L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}^{2}\right)
$$

is given by

$$
z(x)=(G(x, .), \overline{h(.)})
$$

where

$$
G(x, t)=G(x, t, 0)=-\frac{1}{W_{\beta}\left(\Phi_{1}, \Phi_{2}\right)} \begin{cases}\Phi_{2}(x) \Phi_{1}^{T}(t), & s_{0} \leq t \leq x  \tag{20}\\ \Phi_{1}(x) \Phi_{2}^{T}(t), & x<t \leq b\end{cases}
$$

Theorem 4.3. $G(x, t)$ defined by (20) is a Hilbert-Schmidt kernel.
Proof. It follows from (20) that

$$
\int_{s_{0}}^{b} d_{\beta} x \int_{s_{0}}^{x}\|G(x, t)\|^{2} d_{\beta} t<+\infty
$$

and

$$
\int_{s_{0}}^{b} d_{\beta} x \int_{x}^{b}\|G(x, t)\|^{2} d_{\beta} t<+\infty
$$

since $\Phi_{1 i}(x) \Phi_{2 j}(t) \quad(i, j=1,2)$ belong to $L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}\right) \times L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}\right)$ because each of the factors belongs to $L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}\right)$. Hence,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b}\|G(x, t)\|^{2} d_{\beta} x d_{\beta} t<+\infty \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

Theorem 4.4. The operator $K$ defined as
$(K h)(x)=(G(x,),. \overline{h(.)})$
is compact and self-adjoint.
Proof. Let $\Phi_{i}=\Phi_{i}(t)(i \in \mathbb{N})$ be a complete, orthonormal basis of $L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}^{2}\right)$. By Theorem 4.2, one can define

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{i}=\left(h, \Phi_{i}\right)=\int_{a}^{b}\left(h(t), \Phi_{i}(t)\right)_{\mathbb{C}^{2}} d_{\beta} t \\
& y_{i}=\left(f, \Phi_{i}\right)=\int_{a}^{b}\left(f(t), \Phi_{i}(t)\right)_{\mathbb{C}^{2}} d_{\beta} t \\
& a_{i k}=\int_{a}^{b} \int_{a}^{b}\left(G(x, t) \Phi_{i}(x), \Phi_{k}(t)\right)_{\mathbb{C}^{2}} d_{\beta} x d_{\beta} t(i, k \in \mathbb{N})
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, $L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}^{2}\right)$ is mapped isometrically to $l^{2}$. Consequently, our $\beta$-integral operator $K$ transforms into the operator $A$ defined by the formula (18) in the space $l^{2}$ by the operator $A$, and the condition (21) is translated into the condition (19). By Theorem 4.2, this operator is compact. Therefore, the original operator is compact. Let $\varsigma, \tau \in L_{\beta}^{2}\left(\left[s_{0}, b\right] ; \mathbb{C}^{2}\right)$. As $G(x, t)=G^{T}(t, x)$ and $G(x, t)$ is a real matrix-valued function defined on $\left[s_{0}, b\right] \times\left[s_{0}, b\right]$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
(K \varsigma, \tau) & =\int_{s_{0}}^{b}((K \varsigma)(x), \tau(x))_{\mathbb{C}^{2}} d_{\beta} x \\
& =\int_{s_{0}}^{b}\left(\int_{s_{0}}^{b} G(x, t) \varsigma(t) d_{\beta} t, \tau(x)\right)_{\mathbb{C}^{2}} d_{\beta} x \\
& =\int_{s_{0}}^{b}\left(\varsigma(t), \int_{s_{0}}^{b} G(t, x) \tau(x) d_{\beta} x\right)_{\mathbb{C}^{2}} d_{\beta} t=(\varsigma, K \tau),
\end{aligned}
$$

i.e., $K$ is self-adjoint.

Theorem 4.5. The eigenvalues of the operator $L$ form an infinite sequence $\left\{\lambda_{n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of real numbers which can be ordered so that

$$
\left|\lambda_{1}\right|<\left|\lambda_{2}\right|<\ldots<\left|\lambda_{n}\right|<\ldots,\left|\lambda_{n}\right| \rightarrow \infty
$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The set of all normalized eigenfunctions of $L$ forms an orthonormal basis for $L_{\beta}^{2}\left[s_{0}, b\right]$ and for $z \in L_{\beta}^{2}\left[s_{0}, b\right]$, $K z=h, L h=z, L \Phi_{n}=\lambda_{n} \Phi_{n}(n \in \mathbb{N})$ the eigenfunction expansion formula

$$
L h=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{n}\left(h, \Phi_{n}\right) \Phi_{n}
$$

is valid.
Proof. By the Hilbert-Schmidt theorem [15] and Theorem 4.4, $K$ has an infinite sequence of non-zero real eigenvalues $\left\{\xi_{n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ with

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi_{n}=0
$$

Then,

$$
\left|\lambda_{n}\right|=\frac{1}{\left|\xi_{n}\right|} \rightarrow \infty
$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Furthermore, let $\left\{\Phi_{n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ denote an orthonormal set of eigenfunctions corresponding to $\left\{\xi_{n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$. Then, for $z \in H$, we have $K z=h, L h=z, L \Phi_{n}=\lambda_{n} \Phi_{n}(n \in \mathbb{N})$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& L h=z=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(z, \Phi_{n}\right) \Phi_{n}=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(L h, \Phi_{n}\right) \Phi_{n} \\
& =\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(h, L \Phi_{n}\right) \Phi_{n}=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(z, \lambda_{n} \Phi_{n}\right) \Phi_{n}=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{n}\left(z, \Phi_{n}\right) \Phi_{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

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