

THE KATO DECOMPOSITION OF QUASI-FREDHOLM RELATIONS

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Abstract. Quasi-Fredholm relations of degree $d \in \mathbb{N}$ in Hilbert spaces are defined in terms of conditions on their ranges and kernels. They are completely characterized in terms of an algebraic decomposition with a quasi-Fredholm relation of degree 0 and a nilpotent operator of degree d . The adjoint of a quasi-Fredholm relation of degree $d \in \mathbb{N}$ is shown to be quasi-Fredholm relation of degree $d \in \mathbb{N}$. The class of quasi-Fredholm relations contains the semi-Fredholm relations. Earlier results for quasi-Fredholm operators and semi-Fredholm operators are included.

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