

The generalized Birman-Schwinger principle

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Mathematical aspects of the physics with non-self-adjoint
operators

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PART I

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