# From Krein to S-spaces: A SHORT STEP 

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call the latter the conjugate of the former. Moreover, if $(\mathscr{E},\langle\cdot,-\rangle, U)$ is a Hilbert space realization of $(\mathscr{E},[\cdot,-])$ then $\left(\mathscr{E},\langle\cdot,-\rangle, U^{*}\right)$ is a Hilbert space realization of $\left(\mathscr{E},[\cdot,-]_{\text {con }}\right)$.

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