Some recent developments in Hardy-type inequalities

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We intend to give an overview of some recent results on (optimal) Birman– Hardy–Rellich-type inequalities. In particular, we will discuss power-weighted inequalities and some of their logarithmic refinements in all space dimensions $n \ge 1$. In dimension one we will present a new perturbative Hardy-type inequality which sheds new light on the origin of Hardy inequalities.

Hardy-type inequalities are a basic tool in the spectral theory of differential operators and we intend to briefly illustrate their relevance.

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