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The spectrum and other properties of the  $PT$ -symmetric version of the exactly solvable Scarf's oscillator of type I (= on a finite interval) are studied. Several interesting observations are made – for example, the pseudonorm is found oscillating regularly with excitation in the manner claimed recently by Duc Thai Trinh as generic for a slightly different class of potentials. Unfortunately, the necessary discussion of boundary conditions is, unexpectedly, declared “beyond the scope of the present work”. This “missing link” to the standard functional analysis makes some of the observations (and, in particular, the ones concerning certain specific anomalies in  $PT$ -orthogonality) slightly misleading and inconclusive.