

# Some results on g-frames in Hilbert spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper we show that every g-frame for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  can be represented as a linear combination of two g-orthonormal bases if and only if it is a g-Riesz basis. We also show that every g-frame can be written as a sum of two tight g-frames with g-frame bounds one or a sum of a g-orthonormal basis and a g-Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ . We further give necessary and sufficient conditions on g-Bessel sequences  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$ and  $\{\Gamma_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  and operators  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  so that  $\{\Lambda_i L_1 + \Gamma_i L_2 : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ . We next show that a g-frame can be added to any of its canonical dual g-frame to yield a new g-frame.

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# 1. Introduction

Frames were first introduced in 1952 by Duffin and Schaeffer ([5]), reintroduced in 1986 by Daubechies, Grossman, and Meyer ([4]), and popularized from then on. In [11], a generalization of the frame concept was introduced. Sun introduced a g-frame and a g-Riesz basis in a complex Hilbert space and discussed some properties of them. A frame of subspaces ([1], [3]) and a system of bounded quasi-projectors ([6]) are a g-frame in a complex Hilbert space. From a g-frame, we may construct a frame for a complex Hilbert space ([11]). A natural question which immediately comes to mind is, "Which properties of the frame may be extended to the g-frame for a complex Hilbert space?". G-frames and g-Riesz bases in complex Hilbert spaces have some properties similar to those of frames, Riesz bases, but not all the properties are similar (see [11]). In this paper we generalize some results in [2], [7], [10] from frame theory to g-frames.

Throughout this paper,  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  are separable Hilbert spaces and  $\{\mathcal{H}_i\}_{i\in J} \subseteq \mathcal{K}$  is a sequence of separable Hilbert spaces, where J is a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i)$  is the collection of all bounded linear operators from  $\mathcal{H}$  to  $\mathcal{H}_i$ . For each sequence  $\{\mathcal{H}_i\}_{i\in J}$ , we define the space  $(\sum_{i\in J} \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_i)_{l_2}$  by

$$(\sum_{i\in J}\bigoplus \mathcal{H}_i)_{l_2} = \{\{f_i\}_{i\in J} : f_i \in \mathcal{H}_i, \ i\in J \ and \ \sum_{i\in J} \|f_i\|^2 < \infty\}$$

With the inner product defined by

$$\langle \{f_i\}, \{g_i\} \rangle = \sum_{i \in J} \langle f_i, g_i \rangle,$$

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it is clear that  $(\sum_{i \in J} \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_i)_{l_2}$  is a Hilbert space.

A frame for a complex Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is a family of vectors  $\{f_i\}_{i \in J}$  so that there are two positive constants A and B satisfying

$$A||f||^2 \le \sum_{i \in J} |\langle f, f_i \rangle|^2 \le B||f||^2, f \in \mathcal{H}.$$

The constants A and B are called lower and upper frame bounds.

A sequence  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is called a generalized frame, or simply a g-frame, for  $\mathcal{H}$  with respect to  $\{\mathcal{H}_i\}_{i \in J}$  if there exist two positive constants A and B such that, for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,

$$A||f||^{2} \leq \sum_{i \in J} ||\Lambda_{i}f||^{2} \leq B||f||^{2}$$

The constants A and B are called the lower and upper g-frame bounds, respectively. The supremum of all such A and the infimum of all such B are called the optimal bounds. If A = B we call this g-frame a tight g-frame and if A = B = 1, it is called a normalized tight g-frame. A g-frame is exact if it is ceases to be a g-frame whenever any single element is removed from  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i\in J}$ . We say simply a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  whenever the space sequence  $\mathcal{H}_i$  is clear. We say  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i\in J}$  is a g-frame sequence, if it is a g-frame for  $\overline{span}\{\Lambda_i^*(\mathcal{H}_i)\}_{i\in J}$ . If we only have the upper bound, we call  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i\in J}$  a g-Bessel sequence with bound B. We say that  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i\in J}$  is g-complete, if  $\{f : \Lambda_i f = 0, \forall i \in J\} = \{0\}$ ; and is called g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ , if

$$\langle \Lambda_i^* g_i, \Lambda_j^* g_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j} \langle g_i, g_j \rangle, \ i, j \in J, \ g_i \in \mathcal{H}_i, \ g_j \in \mathcal{H}_j,$$

and

$$\sum_{i \in J} \|\Lambda_i f\|^2 = \|f\|^2$$

We say that  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g- Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ , if it is g-complete and there exist constants  $0 < A \leq B < \infty$ , such that for any finite subset  $I \subseteq J$  and  $g_i \in \mathcal{H}_i$ ,  $i \in I$ ,

$$A\sum_{i\in I} \|g_i\|^2 \le \|\sum_{i\in I} \Lambda_i^* g_i\|^2 \le B\sum_{i\in I} \|g_i\|^2$$

Recall that a unitary operator  $K : \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is an onto isometry, a partial isometry is an operator that is an isometry on the orthogonal complement of its kernel, a co-isometry is an operator whose adjoint is an into isometry, and a maximal partial isometry is either an isometry or a co-isometry.

In order to present the main results of this paper, we need the following Theorems and Propositions which can be found in [11], [2] and [9]

**Proposition 1.1** ([2]) Let  $K : \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be a bounded linear operator. Then the following hold:

- i)  $K = a(U_1 + U_2 + U_3)$ , where each  $U_j$ , j = 1, 2, 3, is a unitary operator and a is a constant.
- ii) If K is onto, then it can be written as a linear combination of two unitary operators if and only if K is invertible.

**Theorem 1.2** ([11])Let  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  be a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  with respect to  $\{\mathcal{H}_i\}_{i \in J}$ . The operator

$$S: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}, Sf = \sum_{i \in J} \Lambda_i^* \Lambda_i f,$$

is a positive invertible operator and every  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  has an expansion

$$f = \sum_{i \in J} S^{-1} \Lambda_i^* \Lambda_i f = \sum_{i \in J} \Lambda_i^* \Lambda_i S^{-1} f.$$

So  $\{\widetilde{\Lambda_i} = \Lambda_i S^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  with respect to  $\{\mathcal{H}_i\}_{i \in J}$  and is called canonical dual g-frame of  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$ . The operator S is called the g-frame operator of  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i \in J}$ .

**Definition 1.3** Let  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  be a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then the synthesis operator for  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is the operator

$$T: (\sum_{i \in J} \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_i)_{l_2} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

defined by

$$T(\{f_i\}_{i\in J}) = \sum_{i\in J} \Lambda_i^\star(f_i)$$

We call the adjoint  $T^*$  of the synthesis operator the analysis operator.

**Proposition 1.4** ([9])Let  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  be a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then the analysis operator for  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is the operator

$$T^{\star}: \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow (\sum_{i \in J} \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_i)_{l_2},$$

defined by

$$T^{\star}(f) = \{\Lambda_i(f)\}_{i \in J}.$$

**Proposition 1.5** ([9]) Let  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i \in J}$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i)$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- i)  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i\in J}$  is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ ;
- *ii)* The operator  $T: (\{f_i\}_{i \in J}) \mapsto \sum_{i \in J} \Lambda_i^{\star}(f_i)$  is well-defined and bounded from  $(\sum_{i \in J} \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_i)_{l_2}$  onto  $\mathcal{H}_i$
- iii) The operator  $S: f \mapsto \sum_{i \in J} \Lambda_i^* \Lambda_i f$  is well-defined and bounded from  $\mathcal{H}$  onto  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Proposition 1.6** ([9]) Let  $\{\Theta_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  be a g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$  with respect to  $\{\mathcal{H}_i\}_{i \in J}$ and  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  be a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  with respect to  $\{\mathcal{H}_i\}_{i \in J}$ . Then there is a bounded and onto operator  $K : \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\Lambda_i = \Theta_i K^*$  for all  $i \in J$ . Furthermore, K is invertible if  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i \in J}$  is a g-Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{H}$  and K is unitary if  $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i \in J}$  is a g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

# 2. Some g-frame representations

In this section we show that every g-frame for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  can be written as a sum of three g-orthonormal bases for  $\mathcal{H}$ . We next show that a g-frame can be represented as a linear combination of two g-orthonormal bases if and only if it is a g-Riesz basis. We further show that every g-frame can be written as a sum of two tight g-frames with g-frame bounds one or a sum of a g-orthonormal basis and a g-Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Proposition 2.1** If  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $\{\Theta_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ , there are g-orthonormal bases  $\{\Upsilon_i\}$ ,  $\{\Gamma_i\}$ ,  $\{\Psi_i\}$  for  $\mathcal{H}$  and a constant a so that  $\Lambda_i = a(\Upsilon_i + \Gamma_i + \Psi_i)$  for all  $i \in J$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 1.6 there is a bounded and onto operator  $K : \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\Lambda_i = \Theta_i K^*$  and by Proposition 1.1 we have  $K^* = a(U_1 + U_2 + U_3)$ , where each  $U_j$  is a unitary operator and a is a constant. So  $\Lambda_i = \Theta_i K^* = a(\Theta_i U_1 + \Theta_i U_2 + \Theta_i U_3)$ . Since  $\{\Theta_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis and for each  $r = 1, 2, 3, U_r$  is a unitary operator, we have

$$\langle (\Theta_i U_r)^* g_i, (\Theta_j U_r)^* g_j \rangle = \langle \Theta_i^* g_i, \Theta_j^* g_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j} \langle g_i, g_j \rangle,$$

and

$$\sum_{i \in J} \|\Theta_i U_r f\|^2 = \|U_r f\|^2 = \|f\|^2.$$

So  $\{\Theta_i U_r\}_i$  is a g-orthonormal basis and the proof is complete by putting  $\Upsilon_i = \Theta_i U_1, \Gamma_i = \Theta_i U_2$  and  $\Psi_i = \Theta_i U_3$ .

**Proposition 2.2** ([12]) For the family  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  the following two statements are equivalent:

- i) The sequence  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- ii) The sequence  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ , and if  $\sum_{i \in J} \Lambda_i^* g_i = 0$  then  $g_i = 0$  for all  $i \in J$ .

**Proposition 2.3** If  $\{\Theta_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$  then we have a g-frame  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  which can be written as a linear combination of two g-orthonormal bases for  $\mathcal{H}$  if and only if  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Proof.** If  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-Riesz basis, by Proposition 1.6, there is an invertible operator  $K: \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\Lambda_i = \Theta_i K^*$  and by Proposition 1.1 we have  $K^* = aU_1 + bU_2$  for some constants a, b, and unitary operators  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ . So  $\Lambda_i = \Theta_i K^* = a\Theta_i U_1 + b\Theta_i U_2$ . Since  $\{\Theta_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis and  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are unitary operators, for  $g_i \in \mathcal{H}_i, g_j \in \mathcal{H}_j$  and  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , we have

$$\langle (\Theta_i U_r)^* g_i, (\Theta_j U_r)^* g_j \rangle = \langle \Theta_i^* g_i, \Theta_j^* g_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j} \langle g_i, g_j \rangle$$

and

$$\sum_{i \in J} \|\Theta_i U_r f\|^2 = \|U_r f\|^2 = \|f\|^2.$$

So  $\{\Theta_i U_r\}_i$  is a g-orthonormal basis.

Now suppose that there are g-orthonormal bases  $\{\Upsilon_i\}$ ,  $\{\Gamma_i\}$  for  $\mathcal{H}$  and constants a, b such that  $\Lambda_i = a\Upsilon_i + b\Gamma_i$  for all  $i \in J$ . By Proposition 1.6, there are an onto operator T, and unitary operators K and R such that  $\Lambda_i = \Theta_i T^*$ ,  $\Gamma_i = \Theta_i K^*$ ,  $\Upsilon_i = \Theta_i R^*$ . Since  $\Lambda_i = a\Upsilon_i + b\Gamma_i$  and  $\{\Theta_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ , we have T = aK + bR and so, by Proposition 1.1, T is an invertible operator. If  $\sum_{i \in J} \Lambda_i^* g_i = 0$  then  $T \sum_{i \in J} \Theta_i^* g_i = 0$ , and so  $\sum_{i \in J} \Theta_i^* g_i = 0$ . Therefore, by Proposition 2.2,  $g_i = 0$  which implies that the family  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-Riesz basis.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.4** If K is a co-isometry on  $\mathcal{H}$ , and if  $\{\Theta_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $\{\Theta_i K^* : i \in J\}$  is a normalized tight g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Proof.** Since K is a co-isometry,  $K^*$  is an isometry. Hence, for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ ,

$$\sum_{i \in J} \|\Theta_i K^* f\|^2 = \|K^* f\|^2 = \|f\|^2.$$

Every operator K on a Hilbert space can be written in the form  $K = VP = \frac{||T||}{2}V(W + W^*)$ , where W is unitary and V is a maximal partial isometry. It follows that VW and VW<sup>\*</sup> are maximal partial isometries. That is, each of these operators is either an isometry or a co-isometry. However, if K has dense range, V must be a co-isometry (see [2]).

By using the above facts we have the following propositions.

**Proposition 2.5** If  $\{\Theta_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$  then every g-frame is the sum of two normalized tight g-frames for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 1.6, there is a bounded and onto operator  $K: \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\Lambda_i = \Theta_i K^*$ , and by the above explanation, we have  $K = \frac{\|T\|}{2}V(W + W^*)$ , where W is unitary and V must be a co-isometry. So VW and VW<sup>\*</sup> are co-isometry. Then

$$\Lambda_i = \Theta_i K^\star = \Theta_i(\frac{\|T\|}{2}((VW)^\star + (VW^\star)^\star)),$$

and, by Proposition 2.4,  $\Theta_i(VW)^*$  and  $\Theta_i(VW^*)^*$  are normalized tight g-frames.

**Proposition 2.6** If  $\{\Theta_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ , then every g-frame for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is the sum of a g-orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$  and a g-Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Proof.** If  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  then, by Proposition 1.6, there is a bounded and onto operator  $K: \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\Lambda_i = \Theta_i K^*$ . For any  $0 < \epsilon < 1$  define an operator L by

$$L = \frac{3}{4}I + \frac{1}{4}(1-\epsilon)\frac{K^{\star}}{\|K^{\star}\|}.$$

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Then we have ||I - L|| < 1 and  $||L|| \le 1$ . So L is an invertible operator and, as in the proof of proposition 1.1, (see [2]) we can write

$$L = \frac{1}{2}(W + W^{\star}),$$

where W is a unitary operator. We also have the relation

$$\begin{split} K^{\star} &= \frac{4\|K^{\star}\|}{(1-\epsilon)} [\frac{1}{2}(W+W^{\star}) - \frac{3}{4}I] \\ &= \frac{2\|K^{\star}\|}{(1-\epsilon)} [W+R], \end{split}$$

where  $R = W^* - \frac{3}{2}I$ . Since W is unitary,  $\{\Theta_i W : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis, and  $W^*$  is unitary which implies that R is an isomorphism (possibly into). But, it is easily checked that R is onto, since

$$||I - \frac{-1}{2}R|| = ||\frac{1}{4}I + \frac{1}{2}W^*|| < 1.$$

Thus,  $\frac{-1}{2}R$  is an invertible operator and hence R is an invertible operator. We also have

$$\sum_{i \in J} (\Theta_i R)^* g_i = \sum_{i \in J} R^* \Theta_i^* g_i = R^* (\sum_{i \in J} \Theta_i^* g_i).$$

Since R is an invertible operator, if  $\sum_{i \in J} (\Theta_i R)^* g_i = 0$  then  $\sum_{i \in J} \Theta_i^* g_i = 0$  and since  $\{\Theta_i : i \in J\}$  is a g-orthonormal basis we conclude  $g_i = 0$  for all  $i \in J$ . Therefore, by Proposition 2.2,  $\Theta_i R$  is a g-Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

# 3. Sums of g-bessel sequences

In this section we give necessary and sufficient conditions on g-Bessel sequences  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$ and  $\{\Gamma_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  and operators  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  so that  $\{\Lambda_i L_1 + \Gamma_i L_2 : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ , and we show that a g-frame can be added to any of its canonical dual g-frame to yield a new g-frame.

**Proposition 3.1** Let  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  and  $\{\Gamma_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  be g-Bessel sequences in  $\mathcal{H}$  with analysis operators  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and g-frame operators  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ , respectively. For the given operators  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  :  $\mathcal{H} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  the following are equivalent:

- i)  $\{\Lambda_i L_1 + \Gamma_i L_2 : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- ii)  $T_1L_1 + T_2L_2$  is a bounded and one-to-one operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- iii) The operator  $S = L_1^* T_1^* T_1 L_1 + L_1^* T_1^* T_2 L_2 + L_2^* T_2^* T_1 L_1 + L_2^* T_2^* T_2 L_2$  is a well-defined and bounded mapping from  $\mathcal{H}$  onto  $\mathcal{H}$ . Moreover, in this case, S is the g-frame operator for  $\{\Lambda_i L_1 + \Gamma_i L_2 : i \in J\}$ .

**Proof.** The family  $\{\Lambda_i L_1 + \Gamma_i L_2 : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame if and only if its analysis operator T which is defined by

$$T(f) = \{ (\Lambda_i L_1 + \Gamma_i L_2)(f) \}_{i \in J} = \{ \Lambda_i L_1(f) \}_{i \in J} + \{ \Gamma_i L_2(f) \}_{i \in J}$$
  
=  $(T_1 L_1 + T_2 L_2)(f),$ 

is a bounded and one-to-one operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ , and this happens if and only if the g-frame operator for our family

$$S = (T_1L_1 + T_2L_2)^*(T_1L_1 + T_2L_2)$$
  
=  $L_1^*T_1^*T_1L_1 + L_1^*T_1^*T_2L_2 + L_2^*T_2^*T_1L_1 + L_2^*T_2^*T_2L_2$ 

is well defined and bounded.

The following theorem enables one to get a g-frame from a combination of a known g-frame and a g-Bessel sequence.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  be a g-frame for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with g-frame operator  $S_1$  and let  $\{\Gamma_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  be a g-Bessel sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$  with g-frame operator  $S_2$ . Let  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  be the analysis operators for  $\{\Lambda_i : i \in J\}$ ,  $\{\Gamma_i : i \in J\}$ , respectively, so that  $rangeT_2 \subseteq rangeT_1$ . If the operator  $R = T_1^*T_2$  is a positive operator, then  $\{\Lambda_i + \Gamma_i : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  with g-frame operator  $S_1 + R + R^* + S_2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  be the analysis operators for  $\{\Lambda_i : i \in J\}$ ,  $\{\Gamma_i : i \in J\}$ , respectively. By letting  $L_1 = I = L_2$  in Proposition 3.1, we see that the g-frame operator for  $\{\Lambda_i + \Gamma_i : i \in J\}$  is

$$S = T_1^* T_1 + T_1^* T_2 + T_2^* T_1 + T_2^* T_2 = S_1 + R + R^* + S_2.$$

**Corollary 3.3** If  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame with g-frame operator S and  $\{\Gamma_i :\in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$ is a g-Bessel sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$ , such that  $f = \sum_{i \in J} \Lambda_i^* \Gamma_i f$ , for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $\{\Lambda_i S^a + \Gamma_i S^b : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame, for all real numbers a and b.

**Proof.** If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are the analysis operators for  $\{\Lambda_i S^a : i \in J\}$ ,  $\{\Gamma_i S^b : i \in J\}$ , respectively, then for  $R = T_1^{\star}T_2$  we have

$$\begin{split} R(f) &= T_1^{\star} T_2(f) \\ &= T_1^{\star} (\{\Gamma_i S^b f\}) \\ &= \sum_{i \in J} (\Lambda_i S^a)^{\star} \Gamma_i S^b f \\ &= \sum_{i \in J} S^a \Lambda_i^{\star} \Gamma_i S^b f \\ &= S^{a+b} f. \end{split}$$

Since S is invertible,  $\{\Lambda_i S^a + \Gamma_i S^b : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame, by Theorem 3.2.

**Corollary 3.4** If  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame with g-frame operator S and  $\{\widetilde{\Lambda_i} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  is a canonical dual g-frame then  $\{\Lambda_i S^a + \widetilde{\Lambda_i} S^b : i \in J\}$  is a g-frame for all real numbers a, b.

**Proposition 3.5** Let  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in J\}$  be a g-frame for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with g-frame operator S and g-frame bounds A and B. Let  $\{I_1, I_2\}$  be a partition of J and let  $S_j$  be the g-frame operator for the g-Bessel sequences  $\{\Lambda_i : i \in I_j\}$ , j = 1, 2. Then  $\{\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_1^a : i \in I_1\} \bigcup \{\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_2^b : i \in I_2\}$ , is a g-frame for any real numbers a, b that the operator  $S_1(I + S_1^a)^2 + S_2(I + S_2^b)^2$  is onto.

**Proof.** Note that, for each  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ 

$$\begin{split} (\sum_{i \in I_1} \|\Lambda_i f + \Lambda_i S_1^a f\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} &\leq (\sum_{i \in I_1} \|\Lambda_i f\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (\sum_{i \in I_1} \|\Lambda_i S_1^a f\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{B} \|f\| + \sqrt{B} \|S_1^a f\| \\ &\leq \sqrt{B} (1 + \|S_1^a\|) \|f\|. \end{split}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\left(\sum_{i\in I_2} \|\Lambda_i f + \Lambda_i S_2^b f\|^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \le \sqrt{B} (1 + \|S_2^b\|) \|f\|,$$

Thus

$$\{\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_1^a : i \in I_1\} \bigcup \{\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_2^b : i \in I_2\},\$$

is a g-Bessel sequence. On the other hand, the frame operator for  $\{\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_1^a : i \in I_1\}$  is

$$\sum_{i \in I_1} (\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_1^a)^* (\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_1^a) = \sum_{i \in I_1} \Lambda_i^* \Lambda_i + S_1^a \sum_{i \in I_1} \Lambda_i^* \Lambda_i A_i$$
$$+ \sum_{i \in I_1} \Lambda_i^* \Lambda_i S_1^a + S_1^a \sum_{i \in I_1} \Lambda_i^* \Lambda_i S_1^a$$
$$= S_1 + S_1^a S_1 + S_1 S_1^a + S_1^a S_1 S_1^a$$
$$= S_1 + 2S_1^{a+1} + S_1^{2a+1}$$
$$= S_1 (I + S_1^a)^2,$$

Similarly for  $\{\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_2^b : i \in I_2\}$  the frame operator is  $S_2(I + S_2^a)^2$ . Hence, the g-frame operator  $S_0$  for our family is an onto and bounded operator and hence, by Proposition 1.5,  $\{\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_1^a : i \in I_1\} \bigcup \{\Lambda_i + \Lambda_i S_2^b : i \in I_2\}$  is a g-frame.

## 4. Subsequence of g-frames

A g-frame for Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  has been decomposed into two infinite subsequences, if one of the subsequence is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  a necessary and sufficient condition under which the other subsequence is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  has been given.

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a g-frame for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  and let  $\{m_k\}$  and  $\{n_k\}$  be two infinite increasing sequences with  $\{m_k\} \bigcup \{n_k\} = \mathbb{N}$ . Also let  $\{\Lambda_{m_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then  $\{\Lambda_{n_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a g-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  if and only if there exists a bounded linear operator  $U : (\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_{n_k})_{l_2} \longrightarrow$  $(\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \bigoplus \mathcal{H}_{m_k})_{l_2}$  such that  $U(\{\Lambda_{n_k}f\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}) = \{\Lambda_{m_k}f\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}, f \in \mathcal{H}.$ 

**Proof.** Let A be a lower bound of the g-frame  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Since

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\Lambda_{m_k} f\|^2 = \|U(\{\Lambda_{n_k} f\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}})\| \le \|U\| \|\{\Lambda_{n_k} f\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}\|$$
$$= \|U\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\Lambda_{n_k} f\|^2,$$

we have

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\Lambda_{n_k} f\|^2 \ge \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\Lambda_{m_k} f\|^2}{\|U\|} \ge \frac{A}{\|U\|} \|f\|^2,$$

which implies that  $\{\Lambda_{n_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a g-frame. Conversely, let  $\{\Lambda_{n_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a g-frame. Let  $T_1, T_2$  be the analysis operators for  $\{\Lambda_{n_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\{\Lambda_{m_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , respectively. Put  $U = T_2 S_1^{-1} T_1^*$ . Then U is a bounded linear operator with the desired properties.

In the following Theorem, we give a sufficient condition for a g-frame of nonzero elements in terms of g-frame sequences for its exactness.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a g-frame for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with optimal bounds A and B such that  $\Lambda_i \neq 0$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . If for every infinite increasing sequence  $\{n_k\}$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\{\Lambda_{n_k}f\}_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a g-frame sequence with optimal bounds A and B, then  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an exact g-frame.

**Proof.** Suppose  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is not exact. Then there exists a positive integer  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \neq m, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a g-frame. Let  $\{n_k\}$  be an increasing sequence given by  $n_k = k, k = 1, 2, ..., m - 1$  and  $n_k = k + 1, k = m, m + 1, ...$  Since  $\{\Lambda_{n_k}f\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a g-frame sequence with optimal bounds A and B, we have

$$A||f||^2 \le \sum_{i \ne m} ||\Lambda_i f||^2 \le B||f||^2.$$

Therefore, by g-frame inequality for the frame  $\{\Lambda_i \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  we have

$$\|\Lambda_m f\|^2 = 0$$

This given  $\Lambda_m = 0$ , which is a contradiction.

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