
Mathematics of Digitalization: Case Study

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FRAMES IN FINITE DIMENSIONS

One can prove that any finite dimensional system

$\mathcal{G}_n = \{g_0, \dots, g_{n-1}\}$ is always a frame for its span

$\mathcal{H} = \text{span}\{\mathcal{G}_n\} = \{\sum_{i=0}^n c_i g_i : c_i \in \mathbb{C}\}$ (exercise!).

How do we compute the canonical dual frame in finite dimension? Let us consider an orthonormal basis $\{e_i\}_{i=0}^{m-1}$,

$m \leq n$ of \mathcal{H} and we consider the matrix

$\mathcal{G}_{m \times n} = (\langle g_k, e_i \rangle)_{i=0, \dots, m-1, k=0, \dots, n-1}$. In particular we have that

for all $f \in \mathcal{H}$ and considered $\vec{f} = (\langle f, e_i \rangle)_{i=0, \dots, m-1}$

$$C_g f = \mathcal{G}_{m \times n}^T * \vec{f} . \tag{1}$$

SINGULAR VALUE DECOMPOSITION

The so-called Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) is a procedure applied on a matrix $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ and it is a very important one in numerical linear algebra. The basic idea is to decompose the matrix M in the form $M = U^* * D * V$ where D is a diagonal matrix with nonnegative diagonal entries and U, V are two matrices whose rows are orthonormal, $U^* = \overline{U^T}$ is the Hermitian transpose of U and coincides with its inverse. The nonzero elements of D are known as the *singular values* of M . The SVD of a matrix is unique.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singular_value_decomposition

But then a left inverse of M can be computed as follows

$$M^\dagger = V^* * D^{-1} * U.$$

In fact $M^\dagger * M = (U^* * D * V) * (V^* * D^{-1} * U) = I$. One can also show that the sum of the squared entries of the matrix $(M * M^\dagger - I)$ is minimal and hence M^\dagger is the so-called *pseudo-inverse* matrix of M . Moreover, we have

$$M^\dagger * M = M^T * (M^\dagger)^T = M^T * (M^T)^\dagger.$$

Hence, for a matrix $N \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ with $n \geq m$ we define $N^\dagger = (N^T)^\dagger$ and we have $N * N^\dagger = I$.

The columns of the matrix $\left(\mathcal{G}_{m \times n}^\dagger\right)^T$ represents the coefficients $\{\langle \tilde{g}_k, e_i \rangle\}_{i=0, \dots, m-1}$ of the canonical dual of \mathcal{G}_n . If I consider a set of coefficients $\vec{c} = (c_k)_{k=0, \dots, n-1}$ we have that $\left(\mathcal{G}_{m \times n}^\dagger\right)^T * \vec{c}$ returns a vector of length m . In particular we have

$$R_{\tilde{g}} \vec{c} = \left(\left(\mathcal{G}_{m \times n}^\dagger \right)^T * \vec{c} \right)^T \cdot \{e_i\}_{i=0}^{m-1}. \quad (2)$$

Hence, we have the identities

$$\begin{aligned} f &= R_{\tilde{g}} \circ C_g f = \left(\left(\mathcal{G}_{m \times n}^\dagger \right)^T * \mathcal{G}_{m \times n}^T * \vec{f} \right)^T \cdot \{e_i\}_{i=0}^{m-1} = \\ &= \left(\vec{f}^T * \mathcal{G}_{m \times n} * \mathcal{G}_{m \times n}^\dagger \right) \cdot \{e_i\}_{i=0}^{m-1} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Moreover we have,

$$R_g \vec{c} = \left(\mathcal{G}_{m \times n} * \vec{c} \right)^T \cdot \{e_i\}_{i=0}^{m-1}.$$

Hence, defined the frame operator $\mathcal{S}_g = \mathcal{G}_{m \times n} * \mathcal{G}_{m \times n}^T$ we obtain

$$S_g f = R_g \circ C_g f = \left(\mathcal{G}_{m \times n} * \mathcal{G}_{m \times n}^T * \vec{f} \right)^T \cdot \{e_i\}_{i=0}^{m-1} = \left(\mathcal{S}_g * \vec{f} \right)^T \cdot \{e_i\}_{i=0}^{m-1}.$$

But then we can compute the canonical dual vectors by using

$$\tilde{g}_k = \left(\mathcal{S}_g^{-1} * \vec{g}_k \right)^T \cdot \{e_i\}_{i=0}^{m-1}.$$

Definizione 0.1 Given $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $a, b > 0$, we say that (g, a, b) generates a Gabor for $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ if $\{M_{mb}T_{an}g\}_{m, n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a frame for $L^2(\mathbb{R})$.

The function g is called the window or analyzing function.

The number a, b are called frame lattice parameters and a is the translation parameter, while b is the modulation parameter.

It is clear that $\{M_{mb}T_{an}g\}_{m, n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a frame for $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if $\{T_{an}M_{bn}g\}_{m, n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a frame for $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ (exercise!). Later we will use one or the other definition depending on the context.

NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS FOR GABOR FRAMES

Theorem 0.2 (Necessary condition) For $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, $a, b > 0$, if (g, a, b) generates a Gabor frame for $L^2(\mathbb{R})$, then $ab \leq 1$.

Theorem 0.3 (Sufficient conditions) Let $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and let $a > 0$ be such that

1. there exist constants A, B such that

$$0 < A \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |g(x - na)|^2 \leq B < \infty \text{ a.e.}$$

2. $\lim_{b \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k \neq 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}} \beta(k/b) = 0$ where

$$\beta(s) = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g(x - na) \overline{g(x - s - na)} \right| = \left\| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} T_{na} g \cdot T_{na+s} \bar{g} \right\|_{\infty}$$

then there exists $b_0 > 0$ such that (g, a, b) generates a Gabor frame for $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ for all $0 < b < b_0$ (of course $ab < 1$ must hold!).

PROOF OF THE SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS

First assume that f is continuous with compact support. This allows us to exchange the order of sums and integrals without troubles. For a fixed n we consider the $1/b$ -periodic function given by

$$F_n(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} f(t - k/b) \overline{g(t - na - k/b)}$$

Now $F_n \in L^1[0, 1/b]$ since f e g are bounded and holds

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \overline{g(t - na)} e^{-2\pi i m b t} dt = \int_0^{1/b} F_n(t) e^{-2\pi i m b t} dt.$$

Since $\{b^{1/2} M_{mb} \chi_{[0, 1/b]}\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is an orthonormal basis for

$L^2[0, 1/b]$, by the Plancharel formula we obtain

$$\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \int_0^{1/b} F_n(t) e^{-2\pi i m b t} dt \right|^2 = b^{-1} \int_0^{1/b} |F_n(t)|^2 dt$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} | \langle f, M_{mb} T_{na} g \rangle |^2 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \overline{g(t - na)} e^{-2\pi i m b t} dt \right|^2 \\
&= b^{-1} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^{1/b} \left| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} f(t - k/b) \overline{g(t - na - k/b)} \right|^2 dt \\
&= b^{-1} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^{1/b} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \overline{f(t - l/b) g(t - na - l/b)} \cdot \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} f(t - k/b) \overline{g(t - na - k/b)} dt \\
&= b^{-1} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^{1/b} \overline{f(t - l/b) g(t - na - l/b)} \cdot \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} f(t - k/b) \overline{g(t - na - k/b)} dt \\
&= b^{-1} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \overline{f(t) g(t - na)} \cdot \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} f(t - k/b) \overline{g(t - na - k/b)} dt \\
&= b^{-1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \overline{f(t) f(t - k/b)} \cdot \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g(t - na) \overline{g(t - na - k/b)} dt
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= b^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(t)|^2 \cdot \sum_{n \in \mathbb{R}} |g(t - na)|^2 dt + \\
&\quad b^{-1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; k \neq 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \overline{f(t)} f(t - k/b) \cdot \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g(t - na) \overline{g(t - na - k/b)} dt = (*)
\end{aligned}$$

By using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we get

$$(*) \leq b^{-1} B \|f\|_2^2 + b^{-1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; k \neq 0} \beta(k/b) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \overline{f(t)} f(t - k/b) dt \leq B_0(b) \|f\|_2^2$$

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$$(*) \geq b^{-1} A \|f\|_2^2 - b^{-1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; k \neq 0} \beta(k/b) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \overline{f(t)} f(t - k/b) dt \geq A_0(b) \|f\|_2^2$$

where

$$A_0(b) = b^{-1} A - b^{-1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; k \neq 0} \beta(k/b) \quad \text{e} \quad B_0(b) = b^{-1} B + b^{-1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; k \neq 0} \beta(k/b)$$

From condition 2. there exists, by definition of limit and by $A > 0, B < \infty$, a constant $b_0 > 0$ such that $A_0(b) > 0$ e $B_0(b) < \infty$ for all $0 < b < b_0$.

Assume now that $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ is arbitrary. Then we can find a sequence of continuous functions of compact support f_j , such that $f_j \rightarrow f$ in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ for $j \rightarrow \infty$. From the result just obtained, it holds

$A_0(b) \|f_j\|_2^2 \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} | \langle f_j, M_{mb} T_{na} g \rangle |^2 \leq B_0(b) \|f_j\|_2^2$. It is not difficult to show that these inequalities hold also for the limit $j \rightarrow \infty$, from which we deduce that (g, a, b) generates a Gabor frame with frame bounds $A_0(b), B_0(b)$ for all $0 < b < b_0$.

If $a, b > 0$ and if $\{M_{aj}T_{bk}g\}_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$ is a Gabor frame for $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ then

$$A\|f\|_2^2 \leq \sum_{j,k} |\langle f, M_{aj}T_{bk}g \rangle|^2 \leq B\|f\|_2^2, \quad (4)$$

and $a \cdot b \leq 1$. In particular the frame operator

$$S_g f = \sum_{j,k} \langle f, M_{aj}T_{bk}g \rangle M_{aj}T_{bk}g,$$

commutes with the modulation and translation operators, in the sense that

$$S_g M_{aj}T_{bk} = M_{aj}T_{bk} S_g.$$

(exercise!)

This implies that the canonical dual

$S_g^{-1}M_{aj}T_{bk}g = M_{aj}T_{bk}S_g^{-1}g$. We define $\tilde{g} = S_g^{-1}g$ and we have

$$f = \sum_{j,k} \langle f, M_{aj}T_{bk}\tilde{g} \rangle M_{aj}T_{bk}g. \quad (5)$$

We observe now that $\langle f, M_{aj}T_{bk}\tilde{g} \rangle = V_{\tilde{g}}(f)(bk, aj)$.

Theorem 0.4 (Existence of Gabor frames) *If $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is a well-localized function both in time and frequency (for instance a very smooth function with fast decay), then there exist $a, b > 0$ sufficiently small such that $\mathcal{G}(g, a, b) = \{M_{aj}T_{bk}g\}_{j,k}$ and $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F}g, b, a) = \{M_{bj}T_{ak}\mathcal{F}g\}_{j,k}$ are Gabor frames. In particular if $g(x) = e^{-\pi|x|^2}$ is the Gaussian $\mathcal{G}(g, a, b)$ is a Gabor frame for all $a, b > 0$ such that $a \cdot b < 1$.*