



## Comment on” Frames of Subspaces”

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### Abstract

In this paper we give a counter example for one of the lemmas of the paper” Frame of subspace in Wavelets, frames and operator theory” by P.G. Casazza and G. Kutyniok .

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## 1 Introduction

Frames were first introduced by Duffin and Schaeffer[4] in the context of nonharmonic Fourier series, and today frames play important roles in many applications in mathematics, science, and engineering, including time-frequency analysis [5], internet coding [6], speech and music processing[11], communication [9], multiple antenna coding [8], medicine [10], quantum computing [7], and many other areas.

For the discussion of the following section, we state here some definitions, notations and known results. For convenience of readers, we suggest that one refer to [1, 2, 3] for details.

Let  $H$  be a separable Hilbert space and let  $I$  be a countable (or finite) index set. If  $W$  is a closed subspace of  $H$ , we denote the orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto  $W$  by  $\pi_W$ .

A sequence  $F = \{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  in  $H$  is a frame for  $H$  if there exist constants  $0 < A \leq B < \infty$  such that  $A\|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{i \in I} |\langle f, f_i \rangle|^2 \leq B\|f\|^2$  for all  $f \in H$ . The numbers  $A, B$  are called lower and upper frame bounds, respectively. The family  $F$  is called a tight frame if  $A = B$ , it is a Parseval frame if  $A = B = 1$ , it is a  $x$ -uniform frame if  $\|f_i\| = \|f_j\| = x$  for all  $i, j \in I$  and an exact frame if it ceases to be a frame when any one of its elements is removed. If the right-handed of mentioned inequality holds, then we say that  $F$  is a Bessel sequence and call  $B$  the Bessel bound. The operator  $S_F : H \rightarrow H$  is called frame

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operator and defined by  $S_F(f) = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i \rangle f_i$  which leads us to reconstruction formula  $f = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i \rangle S_F^{-1} f_i = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, S_F^{-1} f_i \rangle f_i$  for all  $f \in H$  and also we have  $AId \leq S_F \leq BId$  for frame operator.

Let  $\{W_i\}$  be a family of closed subspaces of  $H$  and let  $\{v_i\}$  be a family of weights, i.e.  $v_i > 0$  for all  $i \in I$ . Then  $W = \{(W_i, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$  is a fusion frame for  $H$  if there exist constants  $0 < C \leq D < \infty$  such that  $C \|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{i \in I} v_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i}(f)\|^2 \leq D \|f\|^2$  for all  $f \in H$ . The numbers  $C, D$  are called lower and upper fusion frames bounds, respectively. The family  $W$  is called a tight fusion frame if  $C = D$ , it is a Parseval fusion frame if  $C = D = 1$ , it is a  $v$ -uniform fusion frame if  $v_i = v_j = v$  for all  $i, j \in I$  and an orthonormal fusion basis for  $H$  if  $H = \bigoplus_{i \in I} W_i$ . If the right-handed of mentioned inequality holds, then we say that  $W$  is a fusion Bessel sequence and call  $B$  the fusion Bessel bound. The operator  $S_F : H \rightarrow H$  defined by  $S_F(f) = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i \rangle f_i$  is called the fusion frame operator which leads us to reconstruction formula  $f = \sum_{i \in I} v_i^2 S_W^{-1} \pi_{W_i}(f) = \sum_{i \in I} v_i^2 \pi_{W_i} S_W^{-1}(f)$  for all  $f \in H$ . Also we have  $CId \leq S_W \leq DId$  for frame operator.

## 2 Main Results

In the following Lemma [1] Casazza and Kutyniok have proved if  $W = \{(W_i, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$  is a fusion frame for  $H$ , then the intersection of a closed subspace  $V$  of  $H$  with the family of subspaces  $\{W_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $H$  which have the same weights, i.e.  $W_V = \{(W_i \cap V, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$ , is a fusion frame.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $V$  be a subspace of  $H$  and  $W = \{(W_i, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$  be a fusion frame for  $H$  with bounds  $C, D$  then  $W_V = \{(W_i \cap V, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$  is a fusion frame for  $V$  with bounds  $C, D$*

**Remark 2.1.** *The authors have used the following equation in proof of the above Lemma*

$$\sum_{i \in I} v_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i}(f)\|^2 = \sum_{i \in I} v_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i \cap V}(f)\|^2 \quad (\text{for all } f \in H) \quad (2.1)$$

But this equation is not correct in general. Actually, the right-hand side of Eq. (2.1) could be equal to zero. In fact, if  $W_i \cap V = \{o\}$ , ( $\forall i \in I$ ) then  $\pi_{W_i \cap V}(f) = 0$  for all  $f \in H$ . Therefore  $\sum_{i \in I} v_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i}(f)\|^2 = \sum_{i \in I} v_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i \cap V}(f)\|^2 = 0$ . Thus  $C \|f\|^2 \leq 0$  which is in contradiction with  $0 < C \leq D < \infty$

Now, we state a counter example as follow.

**Example 2.1.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq 2$ , set  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $E = \{e_i\}_{i \in N}$  is a canonical orthonormal basis for  $l^2(N)$ , where  $e_j = \{\delta_{ij}\}_{i \in N}$ , ( $\forall j \in N$ ). Let  $W_1 = \overline{\text{span}}\{e_1 + e_2\}$  and for every  $i \in N, i \neq 1$ ,  $W_i = \overline{\text{span}}\{e_i\}$ . Then  $\{W_i\}_{i \in N}$  is a family of subspaces of  $l^2(N)$ . Put  $V = \overline{\text{span}}\{e_1\}$ , we show that there exists a family of weights  $\{v_i\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $W = \{(W_i, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$ .*

Let  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an orthonormal basis for a subspace  $W$  of  $H$  then

$$\pi_W f = \sum_{i \in I} \langle \pi_W f, f_i \rangle f_i = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, \pi_W f_i \rangle f_i = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i \rangle f_i \quad (\forall f \in H)$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{W_1} f &= \left\langle f, \frac{e_1 + e_2}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle \frac{e_1 + e_2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle f, e_1 + e_2 \rangle (e_1 + e_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle f, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \frac{1}{2} \langle f, e_1 \rangle e_2 + \frac{1}{2} \langle f, e_2 \rangle e_1 + \frac{1}{2} \langle f, e_2 \rangle e_2 \end{aligned}$$

we note  $\pi_{W_i} f = \langle f, e_i \rangle e_i, (\forall i \in N, i \neq 1, \forall f \in H)$ , so  $\|\pi_{W_i} f\|^2 = |\langle f, e_i \rangle|^2$ . On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \|\pi_W f\|^2 &= \langle \frac{1}{2}\langle f, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \frac{1}{2}\langle f, e_1 \rangle e_2 + \frac{1}{2}\langle f, e_2 \rangle e_1 + \frac{1}{2}\langle f, e_2 \rangle e_2, \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}\langle f, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \frac{1}{2}\langle f, e_1 \rangle e_2 + \frac{1}{2}\langle f, e_2 \rangle e_1 + \frac{1}{2}\langle f, e_2 \rangle e_2 \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2}|\langle f, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2 + |\langle f, e_1 \rangle| |\langle f, e_2 \rangle| \end{aligned}$$

let  $v_1 = \sqrt{2}, v_i = 1$  where,  $i \neq 1, i \in N$  we show that  $W = \{(W_i, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$  is a fusion frame of subspaces for  $l^2(N)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i}(f)\|^2 &= 2[\frac{1}{2}|\langle f, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2 + |\langle f, e_1 \rangle| |\langle f, e_2 \rangle|] + \sum_{i=2}^n |\langle f, e_i \rangle|^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle f, e_i \rangle|^2 + |\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2 + 2|\langle f, e_1 \rangle| |\langle f, e_2 \rangle| \\ &= \|f\|^2 + |\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2 + 2|\langle f, e_1 \rangle| |\langle f, e_2 \rangle| \end{aligned}$$

If  $|\langle f, e_1 \rangle| \geq |\langle f, e_2 \rangle|$ , then

$$2|\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2 \leq 2|\langle f, e_1 \rangle| |\langle f, e_2 \rangle| \leq 2|\langle f, e_1 \rangle|^2$$

Thus

$$\|f\|^2 \leq \|f\|^2 + 3|\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i}(f)\|^2 \leq \|f\|^2 + |\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2 + 2|\langle f, e_1 \rangle|^2 \leq 3 \|f\|^2$$

If  $|\langle f, e_1 \rangle| < |\langle f, e_2 \rangle|$ , then

$$2|\langle f, e_1 \rangle|^2 < 2|\langle f, e_1 \rangle| |\langle f, e_2 \rangle| < 2|\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2$$

so

$$\|f\|^2 \leq \|f\|^2 + |\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2 + |\langle f, e_1 \rangle|^2 < \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i}(f)\|^2 < \|f\|^2 + 3|\langle f, e_2 \rangle|^2 \leq 4 \|f\|^2$$

Then  $W = \{W_i, v_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a fusion frame for  $l^2(N)$  with bounds  $C = 1$  and  $D = 4$ . On the other hand,  $W_i \cap V = \{0\}$ . Thus  $W_V = \{(W_i \cap V, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$  could not be fusion frames for  $l^2(N)$ .

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