

ON THE APPROXIMATE DUALITY OF G-FRAMES AND FUSION FRAMES

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In this paper we obtain some new results for the approximate duality of frames and g-frames in Hilbert spaces; especially we consider approximate duals of Riesz bases and g-Riesz bases. We also introduce a new kind of approximate duals for g-frames and fusion frames and generalize some of the results obtained for duals and approximate duals. Moreover, we introduce θ and $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-duals, where θ is a bounded operator on a separable Hilbert space and we show that in this case approximate duals share many useful properties with those introduced for frames, g-frames and fusion frames.

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1. Introduction

Frames for Hilbert spaces were first introduced by Duffin and Schaeffer [11] in 1952 to study some problems in nonharmonic Fourier series, reintroduced in 1986 by Daubechies, Grossmann and Meyer [10].

Let H be a separable Hilbert space and let I be a finite or countable index set. A family $\mathcal{F} = \{f_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq H$ is a *frame* for H , if there exist two positive numbers A and B such that

$$A\|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{i \in I} |\langle f, f_i \rangle|^2 \leq B\|f\|^2,$$

for each $f \in H$. A and B are the *lower* and *upper* frame bounds, respectively. If $A = B$, \mathcal{F} is called an *A-tight frame*. If $A = B = 1$, it is called a *Parseval frame*. If only the second inequality is required, \mathcal{F} is a *B-Bessel sequence*. If \mathcal{F} is a Bessel sequence, then the *synthesis operator* $T_{\mathcal{F}} : \ell^2(I) \rightarrow H$ which is defined by $T_{\mathcal{F}}(\{c_i\}_{i \in I}) = \sum_{i \in I} c_i f_i$ is bounded. Its adjoint operator $T_{\mathcal{F}}^*(f) = \{\langle f, f_i \rangle\}_{i \in I}$ is called the *analysis operator* of \mathcal{F} . The operator $S_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = T_{\mathcal{F}} T_{\mathcal{F}}^*(f) = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i \rangle f_i$ is bounded and positive. If \mathcal{F} is a frame, we call $S_{\mathcal{F}}$ the *frame operator* of \mathcal{F} which is invertible. In this case $\{S_{\mathcal{F}}^{-1} f_i\}_{i \in I}$ is also a frame and if $\tilde{f}_i = S_{\mathcal{F}}^{-1} f_i$, then each $f \in H$ can be reconstructed as

$$\sum_{i \in I} \langle f, \tilde{f}_i \rangle f_i = f = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i \rangle \tilde{f}_i.$$

$\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{\tilde{f}_i\}_{i \in I}$ is called the *canonical dual* of \mathcal{F} . We say that a Bessel sequence $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ is an *alternate dual* or a *dual* for a Bessel sequence $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$, if for each $f \in H$, we have $f = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i \rangle g_i$ or equivalently $f = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, g_i \rangle f_i$. For more results about frames in Hilbert spaces, see [8].

Fusion frames [7] and g-frames [23] are two important generalizations of frames. For each $i \in I$, let H_i be a Hilbert space. In this paper $L(H, H_i)$ is the set of all bounded

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operators from H into H_i and $L(H, H)$ is denoted by $L(H)$. We call $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ a *g-frame* for H with respect to $\{H_i : i \in I\}$ if there exist two positive constants A and B such that

$$A\|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{i \in I} \|\Lambda_i f\|^2 \leq B\|f\|^2,$$

for each $f \in H$. If only the second inequality is required, we call it a *g-Bessel sequence* with upper bound B .

Note that $\oplus_{i \in I} H_i = \left\{ \{f_i\}_{i \in I} \mid f_i \in H_i, \|\{f_i\}_{i \in I}\|_2^2 = \sum_{i \in I} \|f_i\|^2 < \infty \right\}$ with pointwise operations and the inner product defined by $\langle \{f_i\}_{i \in I}, \{g_i\}_{i \in I} \rangle = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f_i, g_i \rangle$ is a Hilbert space. If $H_i = H$ for each $i \in I$, we denote $\oplus_{i \in I} H_i$ by $\ell^2(I, H)$.

For a g-Bessel sequence $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ the *synthesis operator* is $T_\Lambda : \oplus_{i \in I} H_i \rightarrow H$, $T_\Lambda(\{f_i\}_{i \in I}) = \sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* f_i$ and its adjoint operator which is $T_\Lambda^*(f) = \{\Lambda_i f\}_{i \in I}$ is called the *analysis operator* of Λ . The operator S_Λ is defined by $S_\Lambda = T_\Lambda T_\Lambda^*$. If Λ is a g-frame, then S_Λ is invertible. The *canonical g-dual* for Λ is defined by $\tilde{\Lambda} = \{\tilde{\Lambda}_i\}_{i \in I}$ where $\tilde{\Lambda}_i = \Lambda_i S_\Lambda^{-1}$ which is a g-frame and for each $f \in H$, we have

$$f = \sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* \tilde{\Lambda}_i f = \sum_{i \in I} \tilde{\Lambda}_i^* \Lambda_i f.$$

Also a g-Bessel sequence $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ is called an *alternate g-dual* or a *g-dual* for a g-Bessel sequence Λ if

$$f = \sum_{i \in I} \Gamma_i^* \Lambda_i f = \sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* \Gamma_i f,$$

for each $f \in H$.

Let $\{W_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of closed subspaces of a Hilbert space H . Let $\{\omega_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of weights, i.e., $\omega_i > 0$ for each $i \in I$. Then $\mathcal{W} = \{(W_i, \omega_i)\}_{i \in I}$ is a *fusion frame*, if there exist two positive numbers A and B such that for each $f \in H$,

$$A\|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{i \in I} \omega_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i}(f)\|^2 \leq B\|f\|^2,$$

where π_{W_i} is the orthogonal projection onto the subspace W_i . If only the right-hand inequality is required, then \mathcal{W} is called a *Bessel fusion sequence*. Parseval and tight g-frames and fusion frames are defined similar to frames.

Note that $\mathcal{W} = \{(W_i, \omega_i)\}_{i \in I}$ is a Bessel fusion sequence (resp. a fusion frame) if and only if $\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}} = \{\omega_i \pi_{W_i}\}_{i \in I}$ is a g-Bessel sequence (resp. a g-frame). Hence every Bessel fusion sequence generates a g-Bessel sequence.

Frames usually provide non-unique representations of vectors and this property is desirable in applications especially in signal processing. As we see in the definition of duals, if a dual of a frame is obtained, then every signal can be easily reconstructed. For a finite-dimensional Hilbert space, the inverse of the frame operator can be obtained using linear algebra methods. Hence the canonical dual of a frame is simply calculated. But in the infinite-dimensional case, the canonical dual and also alternate duals are often difficult to be found. In this situation approximate duals can be useful. If \mathcal{G} is an approximate dual of \mathcal{F} , then the composition of the synthesis and analysis operators of \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{F} is invertible and we use this invertible operator for the reconstruction of signals instead of the frame operator. For more applications of approximate duals, see [6, 24, 15, 9].

Approximate duality of frames was recently investigated by Christensen and Laugesen in [9]. Now we recall the definition:

Definition 1.1. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ and $\mathcal{G} = \{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ be two Bessel sequences for H . Suppose that $S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}} = T_{\mathcal{G}}T_{\mathcal{F}}^*$. We say that \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are approximately dual frames if $\|Id_H - S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}}\| < 1$ or $\|Id_H - S_{\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}}\| < 1$. In this case we call \mathcal{G} (resp. \mathcal{F}) an approximate dual of \mathcal{F} (resp. \mathcal{G}).

Recently the present author and A. Khosravi introduced approximate duality for g-frames in [19] and some applications of approximate duals such as the stability under small perturbations and facilitating the reconstruction of signals were obtained (see also [21]). Trivially duals and approximate duals can be defined for a fusion frame as some kind of g-frame. We obtained some results for approximate duals of fusion frames in Corollaries 2.4, 3.3, 3.9 and Proposition 2.14 in [19] (see also [2, 3]). In this paper we introduce Q -approximate duality for g-frames and fusion frames and generalize some of the results obtained for duals and approximate duals of frames and g-frames. We also introduce θ and $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-duals, where θ is a bounded operator on a separable Hilbert space.

2. Approximate duals for g-frames

In this section we get some new results for approximate duals of frames and g-frames. First we recall the definition of approximate duality for g-frames from [19]:

Definition 2.1. Let Λ and Γ be two g -Bessel sequences and $S_{\Gamma\Lambda} = T_{\Gamma}T_{\Lambda}^*$. Then Λ and Γ are approximately dual g -frames if $\|Id_H - S_{\Gamma\Lambda}\| < 1$ or $\|Id_H - S_{\Lambda\Gamma}\| < 1$. In this case, we say that Γ (resp. Λ) is an approximate dual g -frame or an approximate g -dual of Λ (resp. Γ).

The conditions in the above definition are equivalent because $(Id_H - S_{\Gamma\Lambda})^* = Id_H - S_{\Lambda\Gamma}$. Since $\|Id_H - S_{\Lambda\Gamma}\| < 1$, we obtain that $S_{\Lambda\Gamma}$ is invertible with $S_{\Lambda\Gamma}^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (Id_H - S_{\Lambda\Gamma})^n$. Now for each $f \in H$, we have the following reconstruction formulas:

$$f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_{\Lambda\Gamma} (Id_H - S_{\Lambda\Gamma})^n f, \quad f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (Id_H - S_{\Lambda\Gamma})^n S_{\Lambda\Gamma} f.$$

It is also obtained from Theorem 2.3 in [19] that if Λ and Γ are approximately dual g -frames, then Λ and Γ are g -frames.

Throughout this section $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ and $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ are g -Bessel sequences with upper bounds B and D , respectively.

Theorem 2.1. Let $\mathcal{F}_i = \{f_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$ and $\mathcal{G}_i = \{g_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$ be B'_i and D'_i -Bessel sequences for H_i , respectively with $\sup_{i \in I} \{B'_i\} < \infty$ and $\sup_{i \in I} \{D'_i\} < \infty$.

- (i) If Λ is a g -dual of Γ with $BD < 1$ and \mathcal{F}_i is an approximate dual of \mathcal{G}_i , for each $i \in I$, then $\{\Lambda_i^*(f_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ is an approximate dual of $\{\Gamma_i^*(g_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$.
- (ii) Let \mathcal{F}_i be a dual of \mathcal{G}_i , for each $i \in I$. Then Λ is an approximate g -dual (resp. a g -dual) of Γ if and only if $\{\Lambda_i^*(f_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ is an approximate dual (resp. a dual) of $\{\Gamma_i^*(g_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$.

Proof. (i) It is easy to see that $\mathcal{F} = \{\Lambda_i^*(f_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ and $\mathcal{G} = \{\Gamma_i^*(g_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ are $B'B$ and $D'D$ -Bessel sequences, respectively where $B' = \sup_{i \in I} \{B'_i\}$ and $D' = \sup_{i \in I} \{D'_i\}$. Since $\|S_{\mathcal{G}_i \mathcal{F}_i}\| \leq \sqrt{B'_i D'_i} \leq \sqrt{B' D'}$, we get $\sum_{i \in I} \|S_{\mathcal{G}_i \mathcal{F}_i} \Lambda_i f\|^2 \leq B' D' B \|f\|^2$, for each $f \in H$.

Hence $\Phi = \{S_{\mathcal{G}_i \mathcal{F}_i} \Lambda_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a g-Bessel sequence. Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}}f - f\| &= \left\| \sum_{i \in I} \Gamma_i^* \left(\sum_{j \in J_i} \langle \Lambda_i f, f_{ij} \rangle g_{ij} \right) - f \right\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i \in I} \Gamma_i^* (S_{\mathcal{G}_i \mathcal{F}_i} \Lambda_i f) - f \right\| = \|T_{\Gamma} T_{\Phi}^* f - T_{\Gamma} T_{\Lambda}^* f\| \\ &\leq \sqrt{D} \left(\sum_{i \in I} \|S_{\mathcal{G}_i \mathcal{F}_i} - Id_{H_i}\|^2 \|\Lambda_i f\|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{BD} \|f\|. \end{aligned}$$

This means that $\|S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}} - Id_H\| \leq \sqrt{BD} < 1$, so \mathcal{F} is an approximate dual of \mathcal{G} .

(ii) Let $f \in H$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}}f &= \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J_i} \langle f, \Lambda_i^* f_{ij} \rangle \Gamma_i^*(g_{ij}) = \sum_{i \in I} \Gamma_i^* \left(\sum_{j \in J_i} \langle \Lambda_i f, f_{ij} \rangle g_{ij} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i \in I} \Gamma_i^* \Lambda_i f = S_{\Gamma \Lambda} f. \end{aligned}$$

The above equality implies that \mathcal{F} is an approximate dual (resp. a dual) of \mathcal{G} if and only if Λ is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of Γ . \square

Corollary 2.1. (i) Suppose that $\{f_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$ is an A_i -tight frame such that there exist positive numbers B_1 and B_2 with $B_1 \leq A_i \leq B_2$, for each $i \in I$. Then Λ is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of Γ if and only if $\{\Lambda_i^*(f_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ is an approximate dual (resp. a dual) of $\{\frac{1}{A_i} \Gamma_i^*(f_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$.
(ii) Let $\{f_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$ be a Parseval frame, for each $i \in I$. Then Λ is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of Γ if and only if $\{\Lambda_i^*(f_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ is an approximate dual (resp. a dual) of $\{\Gamma_i^*(f_{ij})\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$.

Proof. (i) It is easy to see that $\mathcal{F}_i = \{f_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$ is a dual of $\mathcal{G}_i = \{\frac{1}{A_i} f_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$, for each $i \in I$. Now the result follows from part (ii) of Theorem 2.1.

(ii) We get the result from part (i) by considering $A_i = 1$, for each $i \in I$. \square

Since an orthonormal basis is a Parseval frame, part (i) of Theorem 2.5 in [19] is a special case of the above corollary.

Proposition 2.1. Γ is an approximate g-dual of Λ if and only if there exists an operator T on H with $\|T - Id_H\| < 1$ such that $\{\Gamma_i T^{-1}\}_{i \in I}$ is a g-dual of Λ .

Proof. Since Γ is an approximate g-dual of Λ , we have $\|S_{\Lambda \Gamma} - Id_H\| < 1$. By Neumann algorithm $T = S_{\Lambda \Gamma}$ is invertible and $\sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* \Gamma_i S_{\Lambda \Gamma}^{-1} f = f$, for each $f \in H$. Hence $\{\Gamma_i T^{-1}\}_{i \in I}$ is a g-dual of Λ .

For the converse, suppose that there exists an operator T on H with $\|T - Id_H\| < 1$ such that $\Phi = \{\Gamma_i T^{-1}\}_{i \in I}$ is a g-dual of Λ . Now we have

$$\|S_{\Gamma \Lambda} - Id_H\| = \|T^* S_{\Phi \Lambda} - Id_H\| = \|(T - Id_H)^*\| < 1.$$

This means that Γ is an approximate g-dual of Λ . \square

We say that $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a *Riesz basis* for H , if it is complete in H and there exist two constants $0 < A \leq B < \infty$, such that

$$A \sum_{i \in F} |c_i|^2 \leq \left\| \sum_{i \in F} c_i f_i \right\|^2 \leq B \sum_{i \in F} |c_i|^2,$$

for each sequence of scalars $\{c_i\}_{i \in F}$, where F is a finite subset of I .

$\Lambda = \{\Lambda_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ is called *g-complete* if $\{f : \Lambda_i f = 0, \forall i \in I\} = \{0\}$. We call Λ a *g-orthonormal basis* for H , if

$$\langle \Lambda_{i_1}^* f_{i_1}, \Lambda_{i_2}^* f_{i_2} \rangle = \delta_{i_1, i_2} \langle f_{i_1}, f_{i_2} \rangle, \quad i_1, i_2 \in I, f_{i_1} \in H_{i_1}, f_{i_2} \in H_{i_2},$$

and $\sum_{i \in I} \|\Lambda_i f\|^2 = \|f\|^2$, for each $f \in H$. $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a *g-Riesz basis* for H , if it is g-complete and there exist two constants $0 < A \leq B < \infty$, such that for each finite subset $F \subseteq I$ and $f_i \in H_i, i \in F$,

$$A \sum_{i \in F} \|f_i\|^2 \leq \left\| \sum_{i \in F} \Lambda_i^* f_i \right\|^2 \leq B \sum_{i \in F} \|f_i\|^2.$$

Recall that if P is an invertible operator on H and $\Lambda_i = \Gamma_i P$, for each $i \in I$, then we say that Λ and Γ are *P-equivalent*. Also if $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}, \{g_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq H$ and $f_i = P g_i$, for each $i \in I$, then $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ and $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ are *P-equivalent* (see [5]). Note that if $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a Riesz basis, then Theorem 3.2.2 in [8] implies that $\{\tilde{f}_i\}_{i \in I}$ is the unique dual of $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ and it is also a Riesz basis. A similar result can be obtained for g-Riesz bases using Theorem 3.1 in [23]. But a Riesz basis can have many approximate duals. For example if $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ is an orthonormal basis for H and $0 < a < 2$, then $\{a e_i\}_{i \in I}$ is an approximate dual for $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$. In the following proposition and corollary we show that every approximate g-dual (resp. approximate dual) of a g-Riesz basis (resp. Riesz basis) is also a g-Riesz basis (resp. Riesz basis).

Proposition 2.2. *Let Λ be a g-Riesz basis. Then*

- (i) *Γ is an approximate g-dual of Λ if and only if there exists an operator T on H with $\|T - Id_H\| < 1$ such that $\Gamma_i = \tilde{\Lambda}_i T$, for each $i \in I$.*
- (ii) *If Γ is an approximate g-dual of Λ , then Γ and Λ are P-equivalent for some invertible operator P on H and Γ is a g-Riesz basis.*

Proof. (i) Since Λ is a g-Riesz basis, by Theorem 3.1 in [23] and Theorem 5.5.4 in [8], $\tilde{\Lambda}$ is the unique g-dual of Λ . Hence by Proposition 2.1, Γ is an approximate g-dual of Λ if and only if there exists an operator T on H such that $\|T - Id_H\| < 1$ with $\Gamma_i T^{-1} = \tilde{\Lambda}_i$ consequently $\Gamma_i = \tilde{\Lambda}_i T$, for each $i \in I$.

(ii) It follows from part (i) that there exists an invertible operator T on H with $\Gamma_i = \tilde{\Lambda}_i T = \Lambda_i S_\Lambda^{-1} T$. Since $P = S_\Lambda^{-1} T$ is invertible, Γ and Λ are P-equivalent. Because Λ is a g-Riesz basis, by Corollary 3.4 in [23], there exists a g-orthonormal basis $\{Q_i\}_{i \in I}$ and an invertible operator U on H such that $\Lambda_i = Q_i U$, so $\Gamma_i = Q_i U P$ and since $U P$ is invertible, again by Corollary 3.4 in [23], we obtain that Γ is a g-Riesz basis. \square

Now using Propositions 2.1, 2.2 and the equivalent conditions for a frame to be a Riesz basis stated in Definition 3.3.1 and Theorem 3.3.7 in [8], we get the following result for frames:

Corollary 2.2. (i) *$\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ is an approximate dual of $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ if and only if there exists an operator T on H with $\|T - Id_H\| < 1$ such that $\{T^{-1} g_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a dual of $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$.*
(ii) *Let $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a Riesz basis. Then $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ is an approximate dual of $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ if and only if there exists an operator T on H with $\|T - Id_H\| < 1$ such that $g_i = T \tilde{f}_i$. In this case $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$ and $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ are P-equivalent, for some invertible operator P on H and $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$ is also a Riesz basis.*

3. Q-approximate duality for g-frames and fusion frames

In this section, we introduce a new kind of approximate duality for g-frames and fusion frames and we study their properties. In this section \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V} are $\{(W_i, \omega_i)\}_{i \in I}$ and $\{(V_i, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$, respectively. Also $\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}} = \{\omega_i \pi_{W_i}\}_{i \in I}$ and $\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}} = \{v_i \pi_{V_i}\}_{i \in I}$.

First we recall parts (i) and (ii) of the following definition from [16] and [14], respectively. Part (iii) uses the fact that every Bessel fusion sequence generates a g -Bessel sequence.

Definition 3.1. Let \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V} be Bessel fusion sequences for H .

- (i) If there exists an operator $Q \in L(\ell^2(I, H))$ such that $T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}QT_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}^* = Id_H$, then \mathcal{W} is called a Q -dual of \mathcal{V} .
- (ii) Let \mathcal{V} be a fusion frame. Then we say that \mathcal{W} is an alternate dual or a dual of \mathcal{V} if $\sum_{i \in I} v_i \omega_i \pi_{W_i} S_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}^{-1} \pi_{V_i} f = f$, for each $f \in H$.
- (iii) We say that \mathcal{W} is a g -dual of \mathcal{V} if $\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}$ is a g -dual of $\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}$.

Now we introduce Q -duals and Q -approximate duals for g -Bessel sequences:

Definition 3.2. Let Λ and Γ be g -Bessel sequences for H .

- (i) If there exists an operator $Q \in L(\oplus_{i \in I} H_i)$ such that $T_{\Lambda}QT_{\Gamma}^* = Id_H$, then Λ is called a Q -dual of Γ .
- (ii) If there exists an operator $Q \in L(\oplus_{i \in I} H_i)$ such that $\|T_{\Lambda}QT_{\Gamma}^* - Id_H\| < 1$, then Λ is called a Q -approximate dual of Γ .

Note that if Λ is an approximate g -dual (resp. g -dual) of Γ , then Λ is a Q -approximate dual (resp. Q -dual) of Γ with $Q = Id_{(\oplus_{i \in I} H_i)}$.

Theorem 3.1. Let Λ and Γ be g -Bessel sequences for H . If Λ is a Q -approximate dual of Γ , then

- (i) $\|T_{\Gamma}Q^*T_{\Lambda}^* - Id_H\| < 1$.
- (ii) T_{Γ}^* is injective and $T_{\Lambda}Q$ is surjective.
- (iii) T_{Λ}^* is injective and $T_{\Gamma}Q^*$ is surjective.
- (iv) Λ and Γ are g -frames.

Proof. (i) We have

$$\|T_{\Gamma}Q^*T_{\Lambda}^* - Id_H\| = \|(T_{\Lambda}QT_{\Gamma}^* - Id_H)^*\| = \|T_{\Lambda}QT_{\Gamma}^* - Id_H\| < 1.$$

(ii) Since $\|T_{\Lambda}QT_{\Gamma}^* - Id_H\| < 1$, by Neumann algorithm $T_{\Lambda}QT_{\Gamma}^*$ is invertible. Hence T_{Γ}^* is injective and $T_{\Lambda}Q$ is surjective.

(iii) We can obtain the result similar to (ii) by using part (i).

(iv) Let $S_{\Lambda Q \Gamma} = T_{\Lambda}QT_{\Gamma}^*$ and D be an upper bound for Γ . Then $S_{\Lambda Q \Gamma}^* = S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda}$ and since $\|S_{\Lambda Q \Gamma} - Id_H\| < 1$, $S_{\Lambda Q \Gamma}$ and $S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda}$ are invertible. Now for each $f \in H$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\| &= \|S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda}^{-1} S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda} f\| \leq \|S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda}^{-1}\| \|S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda} f\| \\ &= \|S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda}^{-1}\| \left(\sup_{\|g\|=1} |\langle S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda} f, g \rangle| \right) \\ &= \|S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda}^{-1}\| \left(\sup_{\|g\|=1} |\langle Q^*(\{\Lambda_i f\}_{i \in I}), T_{\Gamma}^* g \rangle| \right) \\ &\leq \|S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda}^{-1}\| \|Q^*\| \|\{\Lambda_i f\}_{i \in I}\| \|T_{\Gamma}^*\| \\ &\leq \sqrt{D} \|S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda}^{-1}\| \|Q^*\| \left(\sum_{i \in I} \|\Lambda_i f\|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\frac{1}{D \|S_{\Gamma Q^* \Lambda}^{-1}\|^2 \|Q^*\|^2}$ is a lower bound for Λ . Similarly we can see that Γ is a g -frame. \square

Now we introduce Q -approximate duality for Bessel fusion sequences:

Definition 3.3. Let \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V} be Bessel fusion sequences for H . If there exists an operator $Q \in L(\ell^2(I, H))$ such that $\|T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}QT_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}^* - Id_H\| < 1$, then \mathcal{W} is called a Q -approximate dual of \mathcal{V} .

As a consequence of Theorem 3.1 we get the following result which is a generalization of Lemma 3.2 in [16] to the approximate duality of fusion frames.

Theorem 3.2. *Let \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V} be Bessel fusion sequences for H . If \mathcal{W} is a Q -approximate dual of \mathcal{V} , then*

- (i) $\|T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}Q^*T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}^* - Id_H\| < 1$.
- (ii) $T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}^*$ is injective and $T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}Q$ is surjective.
- (iii) $T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}^*$ is injective and $T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}Q^*$ is surjective.
- (iv) \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V} are fusion frames.

If \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V} are Bessel fusion sequence and fusion frame, respectively, then by Lemma 3.9 in [7], the series $\sum_{i \in I} v_i \omega_i \pi_{W_i} S_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}^{-1} \pi_{V_i} f$ converges for each $f \in H$. Hence the operator $S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}}$ defined on H by $S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}}f = \sum_{i \in I} v_i \omega_i \pi_{W_i} S_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}^{-1} \pi_{V_i} f$ is bounded. Now we have two kinds of approximate duals for fusion frames which are special cases of Q -approximate duals (see also [1, 2, 3]):

Definition 3.4. (i) *Let \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V} be Bessel fusion sequences and $S_{\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V}} = T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}^*$. Then we say that \mathcal{W} is an approximate g-dual of \mathcal{V} if $\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}$ is an approximate g-dual of $\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}$, equivalently $\|S_{\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V}} - Id_H\| < 1$.*
(ii) *Let \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V} be Bessel fusion sequence and fusion frame, respectively. Then we say that \mathcal{W} is an approximate dual of \mathcal{V} if $\|S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}} - Id_H\| < 1$.*

If \mathcal{W} is an approximate g-dual of \mathcal{V} , then \mathcal{W} is a Q -approximate dual of \mathcal{V} with $Q = Id_{\ell^2(I, H)}$. Also if \mathcal{W} is an approximate dual of \mathcal{V} , then \mathcal{W} is a Q -approximate dual of \mathcal{V} with $Q(\{f_i\}_{i \in I}) = \{S_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}^{-1}f_i\}_{i \in I}$. Hence using Theorem 3.2, we get the following result which is a generalization of Theorem 2.3 in [19] and Proposition 2.8 in [14] to the approximate duality of fusion frames.

Proposition 3.1. (i) *If \mathcal{W} is an approximate g-dual of \mathcal{V} , then \mathcal{W} and \mathcal{V} are fusion frames.*
(ii) *If \mathcal{W} is an approximate dual of \mathcal{V} , then \mathcal{W} is a fusion frame.*

Note that if \mathcal{W} is a g-dual (resp. a Q -dual, an alternate dual) of \mathcal{V} , then \mathcal{W} is an approximate g-dual (resp. a Q -approximate dual, an approximate dual) of \mathcal{V} because $S_{\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V}} = Id_H$ (resp. $T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}Q^*T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}^* = Id_H$, $S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}} = Id_H$). If \mathcal{W} is an approximate g-dual (resp. a Q -approximate dual) of \mathcal{V} , then \mathcal{V} is also an approximate g-dual (resp. a Q^* -approximate dual) of \mathcal{W} since $\|S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}} - Id_H\| = \|(S_{\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V}} - Id_H)^*\| = \|(S_{\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V}} - Id_H)\| < 1$ (resp. $\|T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}}Q^*T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}^* - Id_H\| < 1$).

Example 3.1. (i) *Let H be a Hilbert space, $\mathcal{W} = \{(H, \frac{1}{2})\}$ and $\mathcal{V} = \{(H, 2)\}$. Then $S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}} = \frac{1}{4}Id_H$, so $\|S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}} - Id_H\| = \frac{3}{4} < 1$. Thus \mathcal{W} is an approximate dual of \mathcal{V} . We also have $S_{\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V}} = 4Id_H$. Hence $\|S_{\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V}} - Id_H\| = 3 > 1$. This shows that \mathcal{V} is not an approximate dual of \mathcal{W} .*
(ii) *Let \mathcal{V} be an A -tight fusion frame with $A > 2$. Then $S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{V}} = Id_H$ and $S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{V}} = AId_H$. Therefore \mathcal{V} is an approximate dual of itself but it is not an approximate g-dual of itself.*
(iii) *Let $\mathcal{W} = \{(H, 2)\}$ and $\mathcal{V} = \{(H, \frac{1}{2})\}$. Then $S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}} = Id_H$ and $S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}} = 4Id_H$. Hence \mathcal{W} is an approximate g-dual of \mathcal{V} but it is not an approximate dual of \mathcal{V} .*

In the following two propositions and corollary $\mathcal{F}_i = \{f_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$, $\mathcal{F}_i' = \{f'_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$ and $\mathcal{G}_i = \{g_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$, $\mathcal{G}_i' = \{g'_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$ are Bessel sequences for W_i and V_i , respectively such that the sequence of their upper bounds are bounded above.

Proposition 3.2. *Assume that \mathcal{F}_i' and \mathcal{G}_i' are duals of \mathcal{F}_i and \mathcal{G}_i , respectively such that \mathcal{F}_i' and \mathcal{G}_i' are biorthogonal for each $i \in I$. Then \mathcal{W} is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of \mathcal{V} if and only if $\{\omega_i f_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ is an approximate dual (resp. a dual) of $\{v_i g_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$.*

Proof. Let B be an upper bound for \mathcal{W} and $C = \sup_{i \in I} \{C_i\}$, where C_i is an upper bound for \mathcal{F}_i . Now for each $f \in H$, we have

$$\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J_i} |\langle f, \omega_i f_{ij} \rangle|^2 = \sum_{i \in I} \omega_i^2 \sum_{j \in J_i} |\langle \pi_{W_i} f, f_{ij} \rangle|^2 \leq C \sum_{i \in I} \omega_i^2 \|\pi_{W_i} f\|^2 \leq CB \|f\|^2,$$

so $\{\omega_i f_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ is a Bessel sequence. Similarly we can see that $\{v_i g_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ is a Bessel sequence for H . Let $f \in H$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{W}} f &= \sum_{i \in I} v_i \omega_i \pi_{V_i} \left(\sum_{j \in J_i} \langle f, f_{ij} \rangle f'_{ij} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J_i} v_i \omega_i \langle f, f_{ij} \rangle \pi_{V_i} f'_{ij} = \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J_i} \sum_{k \in J_i} v_i \omega_i \langle f, f_{ij} \rangle \langle f'_{ij}, g'_{ik} \rangle g_{ik} \\ &= \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J_i} \langle f, \omega_i f_{ij} \rangle v_i g_{ij} = S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}} f, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{W}} = \{\omega_i f_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{V}} = \{v_i g_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$. This yields that \mathcal{W} is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of \mathcal{V} if and only if $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{W}}$ is an approximate dual (resp. a dual) of $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{V}}$. \square

Corollary 3.1. *Suppose that $\{f_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$ is a Riesz basis for W_i with upper bound B_i and $\sup_{i \in I} \{B_i\} < \infty$. Then \mathcal{W} is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of itself if and only if $\{\omega_i f_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ is an approximate dual (resp. a dual) of $\{\omega_i \widetilde{f_{ij}}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$.*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{F}_i = \{f_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i} = \mathcal{G}_i'$ and $\mathcal{G}_i = \{\widetilde{f_{ij}}\}_{j \in J_i} = \mathcal{F}_i'$. Now we can get the result from the above proposition and Theorem 5.5.4 in [8]. \square

The following proposition is a generalization of Theorem 3.12 in [16] to the approximate duality of fusion frames.

Proposition 3.3. *Suppose that $Q \in L(\ell^2(I, H))$ which is defined by $Q(\{h_i\}_{i \in I}) = \{\sum_{j \in J_i} \langle h_i, f_{ij} \rangle g_{ij}\}_{i \in I}$. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) $\{v_i g_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ is an approximate dual of $\{\omega_i f_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$.
- (ii) $\mathcal{V} = \{(V_i, v_i)\}_{i \in I}$ is a Q -approximate dual of $\mathcal{W} = \{(W_i, \omega_i)\}_{i \in I}$.

Proof. Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.12 in [16], we can obtain that Q is well-defined and bounded, also $T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}} Q T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}^* (f) = \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J_i} \langle f, \omega_i f_{ij} \rangle v_i g_{ij} = S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}} f$, where $\mathcal{F} = \{\omega_i f_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ and $\mathcal{G} = \{v_i g_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$. Hence $\|T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{V}}} Q T_{\Lambda_{\mathcal{W}}}^* - Id_H\| < 1$ if and only if $\|S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}} - Id_H\| < 1$. \square

4. Approximate duals for operators

Recently g-frames for operators and local g-atoms have been introduced in [4] as generalizations of frames for operators and local atoms for subspaces, for more results see [12, 13, 20].

In this section, we introduce θ -approximate g-duals and $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-duals, where θ is a bounded operator on a separable Hilbert space. First we recall the following definition from [4].

Definition 4.1. *Let $\theta \in L(H)$. Then $\{\Lambda_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ is called a θ -g-frame in H if the following holds:*

- (i) *The series $\sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* g_i$ converges for all $\{g_i\}_{i \in I} \in \oplus_{i \in I} H_i$.*
- (ii) *There exists $B > 0$ such that for each $f \in H$ there exists $\{g_i\}_{i \in I} \in \oplus_{i \in I} H_i$ such that $\theta f = \sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* g_i$ and $\sum_{i \in I} \|g_i\|^2 \leq B \|f\|^2$.*

It was proved in Theorem 2.5 in [4] that $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ is a θ -g-frame if and only if $\{\Lambda_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a g-Bessel sequence and there exists a g-Bessel sequence $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ such that $\theta f = \sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* \Gamma_i f = S_{\Lambda\Gamma} f$, for each $f \in H$. In this case Γ is called a θ -g-dual of Λ . Because in this case $S_{\Lambda\Gamma} = \theta$, we have $S_{\Gamma\Lambda} = \theta^*$. Thus if Γ is a θ -g-dual of Λ , then Λ is a θ^* -g-dual of Γ .

Definition 4.2. Let Λ and Γ be g-Bessel sequences and $\theta \in L(H)$. Then

- (i) Γ is called a θ -approximate g-dual of Λ if $\|\theta - S_{\Lambda\Gamma}\| < 1$.
- (ii) Let $\|\theta\| < 1$. Then Γ is called a $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-dual of Λ if $\|\theta - S_{\Lambda\Gamma}\| \leq \|\theta\|$.

Since $\|\theta^* - S_{\Gamma\Lambda}\| = \|(\theta - S_{\Lambda\Gamma})^*\| = \|\theta - S_{\Lambda\Gamma}\|$ and $\|\theta\| = \|\theta^*\|$, if Γ is a θ -approximate g-dual (resp. $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-dual) of Λ , then Λ is a θ^* -approximate g-dual (resp. $(\theta^*, \|\theta^*\|)$ -approximate g-dual) of Γ .

Proposition 4.1. Let θ be a self-adjoint operator on H . Then

- (i) If there exist two g-Bessel sequences Λ and Γ such that Γ is a θ -approximate g-dual (resp. $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-dual) of Λ and $\{\frac{\Gamma_i}{A}\}$ is a g-dual of Λ , for some $A \geq 1$ (resp. $A \geq \|\theta\|$), then θ is a positive operator.
- (ii) If Λ is an A -tight g-frame, for some $A \geq 1$ (resp. $A \geq \|\theta\|$) such that Λ is a θ -approximate g-dual (resp. $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-dual) of itself, then θ is a positive operator.
- (iii) If there exists a Parseval g-frame which is a θ -approximate g-dual or $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-dual of itself, then θ is a positive operator.

Proof. (i) Since $\{\frac{\Gamma_i}{A}\}_{i \in I}$ is a g-dual of Λ , $S_{\Lambda\Gamma} = A.Id_H$. Therefore if Γ is a θ -approximate g-dual of Λ , then $\|\theta - A.Id_H\| = \|\theta - S_{\Lambda\Gamma}\| < 1 \leq A$ and if Γ is a $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-dual of Λ with $\|\theta\| \leq A$, then $\|\theta - A.Id_H\| = \|\theta - S_{\Lambda\Gamma}\| \leq \|\theta\| \leq A$. Now Lemma 2.2.2 in [22] implies that θ is a positive operator.

(ii) Since Λ is an A -tight g-frame, $\{\frac{\Lambda_i}{A}\}_{i \in I}$ is a g-dual of Λ . Now the result follows from part (i).

(iii) We get the result by considering $A = 1$ in part (ii). \square

Proposition 4.2. Let θ be a positive operator on H . Then

- (i) If $\|\theta\| < 1$, then every $\|\theta\|$ -tight g-frame is a $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-dual of itself.
- (ii) Every A -tight g-frame with $\|\theta\| \leq A < 1$ is a θ -approximate g-dual of itself.

Proof. (i) Let Λ be a $\|\theta\|$ -tight g-frame. Since θ is positive, Lemma 2.2.2 in [22] implies that $\|\theta - S_{\Lambda\Lambda}\| = \|\theta - \|\theta\|.Id_H\| \leq \|\theta\|$, so Λ is a $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-dual of itself.

(ii) Let Λ be an A -tight g-frame with $\|\theta\| \leq A < 1$. Since $\|\theta\| \leq A$, by Lemma 2.2.2 in [22], $\|\theta - S_{\Lambda\Lambda}\| = \|\theta - A.Id_H\| \leq A < 1$ and we get the result. \square

Let $\Phi_j = \{\Lambda_{ij} \in L(H_j, H_{ij}) : i \in I\}$ be a g-Bessel sequence for H_j , with upper bound B_j such that $B = \sup\{B_j : j \in J\} < \infty$. Then $\{\Phi_j\}_{j \in J}$ is called a B -bounded family of g-Bessel sequences or shortly B -BFGBS. In this case $\oplus_{j \in J} \Phi_j = \{\oplus_{j \in J} \Lambda_{ij} \in L(\oplus_{j \in J} H_j, \oplus_{j \in J} H_{ij}) : i \in I\}$ is a g-Bessel sequence with upper bound B (see Theorem 2.1 in [18]).

The following result is analogous to Proposition 3.2 in [18] and Proposition 2.8 in [19]. In the following proposition $\Psi_j = \{\Gamma_{ij} \in L(H_j, H_{ij}) : i \in I\}$.

Proposition 4.3. Let $\{\Phi_j\}_{j \in J}$ and $\{\Psi_j\}_{j \in J}$ be BFGBS and $\theta_j \in L(H_j)$. Then

- (i) Ψ_j is a θ_j -g-dual of Φ_j , for each $j \in J$ if and only if $\oplus_{j \in J} \Psi_j$ is a $\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j$ -g-dual of $\oplus_{j \in J} \Phi_j$.

- (ii) Let J be a finite set. If Ψ_j is a θ_j -approximate g -dual (resp. $(\theta_j, \|\theta_j\|)$ -approximate g -dual) of Φ_j , for each $j \in J$, then $\oplus_{j \in J} \Psi_j$ is a $\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j$ -approximate g -dual (resp. $((\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j), \|\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j\|)$ -approximate g -dual) of $\oplus_{j \in J} \Phi_j$. The converse holds for θ_j -approximate g -duals.

Proof. (i) Let B and D be upper bounds for Φ_j 's and Ψ_j 's, respectively. Since Ψ_j is a θ_j - g -dual of Φ_j , we have $\theta_j = S_{\Phi_j \Psi_j}$, so $\|\theta_j\| = \|S_{\Phi_j \Psi_j}\| \leq \sqrt{BD}$. Hence $\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j$ is a bounded operator on $\oplus_{j \in J} H_j$. Let $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}, \{g_j\}_{j \in J} \in \oplus_{j \in J} H_j$. Similar to the proof of Proposition 3.2 in [18], we can see that $\sum_{j \in J} \sum_{i \in I} \langle \Gamma_{ij} f_j, \Lambda_{ij} g_j \rangle = \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Gamma_{ij} f_j, \Lambda_{ij} g_j \rangle$ and now it is easy to see that

$$\langle (\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j)(\{f_j\}_{j \in J}), \{g_j\}_{j \in J} \rangle = \langle S_{(\oplus_{j \in J} \Phi_j)(\oplus_{j \in J} \Psi_j)}(\{f_j\}_{j \in J}), \{g_j\}_{j \in J} \rangle.$$

Hence $\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j = S_{(\oplus_{j \in J} \Phi_j)(\oplus_{j \in J} \Psi_j)}$, so $\oplus_{j \in J} \Psi_j$ is a $(\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j)$ - g -dual of $\oplus_{j \in J} \Phi_j$. The converse is clear.

- (ii) The result follows from the equalities

$$\|(\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j) - S_{(\oplus_{j \in J} \Phi_j)(\oplus_{j \in J} \Psi_j)}\| = \max\{\|\theta_j - S_{\Phi_j \Psi_j}\| : j \in J\},$$

and $\|\oplus_{j \in J} \theta_j\| = \max\{\|\theta_j\| : j \in J\}$. \square

The converse of part (ii) is not necessarily true for $(\theta_j, \|\theta_j\|)$ -approximate g -duals. For example if $\theta_1 = -\frac{1}{8}Id_H$, $\theta_2 = \frac{1}{2}Id_H$, $\Phi_1 = \Psi_1 = \{\frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}Id_H\}$ and $\Phi_2 = \Psi_2 = \{0\}$, then $\Psi_1 \oplus \Psi_2$ is a $((\theta_1 \oplus \theta_2), \|\theta_1 \oplus \theta_2\|)$ -approximate g -dual of $\Phi_1 \oplus \Phi_2$ but Ψ_1 is not a $(\theta_1, \|\theta_1\|)$ -approximate g -dual of Φ_1 .

Let H and H' be Hilbert spaces. Then the tensor product $H \otimes H'$ is a Hilbert space, the inner product for simple tensors is defined by $\langle x \otimes x', y \otimes y' \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \langle x', y' \rangle$, where $x, y \in H$ and $x', y' \in H'$. If U and U' are bounded operators on H and H' , respectively, then $U \otimes U'$ is a bounded operator on $H \otimes H'$ which is defined on simple tensors by $U \otimes U'(x \otimes x') = (Ux) \otimes (U'x')$ and we have $(U \otimes U')^* = U^* \otimes U'^*$ and $\|U \otimes U'\| = \|U\| \|U'\|$. For more results, see [22].

The following result is analogous to Proposition 2.10 in [19].

In the following proposition Λ' and Γ' denote $\{\Lambda'_j \in L(H', H'_j) : j \in J\}$ and $\{\Gamma'_j \in L(H', H'_j) : j \in J\}$, respectively. Also $\Gamma \otimes \Gamma' = \{\Gamma_i \otimes \Gamma'_j\}_{i \in I, j \in J}$, $\Lambda \otimes \Lambda' = \{\Lambda_i \otimes \Lambda'_j\}_{i \in I, j \in J}$ and $\theta' \in L(H')$.

Proposition 4.4. *Let Γ and Γ' be $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g -dual (resp. θ -approximate g -dual) and θ' - g -dual of Λ and Λ' , respectively with $\|\theta'\| \leq 1$. Then $\Gamma \otimes \Gamma'$ is a $((\theta \otimes \theta'), \|\theta \otimes \theta'\|)$ -approximate g -dual (resp. $(\theta \otimes \theta')$ -approximate g -dual) of $\Lambda \otimes \Lambda'$.*

Proof. Similar to the proof of Proposition 2.10 in [19], we can see that $\Gamma \otimes \Gamma'$ and $\Lambda \otimes \Lambda'$ are g -Bessel sequences and $S_{(\Lambda \otimes \Lambda')(\Gamma \otimes \Gamma')} = S_{\Lambda \Gamma} \otimes S_{\Lambda' \Gamma'} = S_{\Lambda \Gamma} \otimes \theta'$. Now the result can be obtained using the equalities $\|(\theta \otimes \theta') - S_{(\Lambda \otimes \Lambda')(\Gamma \otimes \Gamma')}\| = \|(\theta - S_{\Lambda \Gamma}) \otimes \theta'\| = \|\theta - S_{\Lambda \Gamma}\| \|\theta'\|$ and $\|\theta \otimes \theta'\| = \|\theta\| \|\theta'\|$. \square

Note that it is obtained from the proof of the above proposition that if Γ and Γ' are θ and θ' - g -duals of Λ and Λ' , respectively, then $\Gamma \otimes \Gamma'$ is a $(\theta \otimes \theta')$ - g -dual of $\Lambda \otimes \Lambda'$. We recall the following definition from [4].

Definition 4.3. *Let $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ be a g -Bessel sequence and H_0 be a closed subspace of H . Then Λ is called a family of local g -atoms for H_0 with respect to $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$, if there exists a g -Bessel sequence $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i \in L(H_0, H_i) : i \in I\}$ such that $f = \sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* \Gamma_i f$, for each $f \in H_0$.*

Now we introduce a family of approximately local g-atoms:

Definition 4.4. Let $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_i \in L(H, H_i) : i \in I\}$ be a g-Bessel sequence and H_0 be a closed subspace of H . Then Λ is called a family of approximately local g-atoms for H_0 with respect to $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$, if there exists a g-Bessel sequence $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i \in L(H_0, H_i) : i \in I\}$ and $K < 1$ such that $\|f - \sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* \Gamma_i f\| \leq K\|f\|$, for each $f \in H_0$.

It was proved in Theorem 2.14 in [4] that Λ is a family of local g-atoms for H_0 with respect to $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ if and only if Λ has a P_{H_0} -g-dual, where P_{H_0} is the orthogonal projection from H onto H_0 .

In the following theorem we obtain a similar result for approximately local g-atoms.

Theorem 4.1. Let Λ be a g-Bessel sequence. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) Λ is a family of approximately local g-atoms for H_0 with respect to $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$.
- (ii) Λ has a P_{H_0} -approximate g-dual.

Proof. (i) \implies (ii) Suppose that $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i \in L(H_0, H_i) : i \in I\}$ is a g-Bessel sequence and $K < 1$ such that $\|f - \sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* \Gamma_i f\| \leq K\|f\|$, for each $f \in H_0$. Let $\Psi = \{\Gamma_i P_{H_0}\}_{i \in I}$. Then it is easy to see that Ψ is a g-Bessel sequence and $\|P_{H_0} f - S_{\Lambda\Psi} f\| \leq K\|f\|$, for each $f \in H$. Hence $\|P_{H_0} - S_{\Lambda\Psi}\| \leq K < 1$, so Ψ is a P_{H_0} -approximate g-dual of Λ .

(ii) \implies (i) Suppose that $\Psi = \{\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a P_{H_0} -approximate g-dual of Λ , so $\|P_{H_0} - S_{\Lambda\Psi}\| < 1$. Now for $\Gamma_i = \psi_i Id_{H_0}$ and $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i\}_{i \in I}$, it is easy to see that Γ is a g-Bessel sequence and if $K = \|P_{H_0} - S_{\Lambda\Psi}\|$, then

$$\left\| f - \sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* \Gamma_i f \right\| = \|P_{H_0} f - S_{\Lambda\Psi} f\| \leq K\|f\|,$$

for each $f \in H_0$. This means that Λ is a family of approximately local g-atoms for H_0 with respect to $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$. \square

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