

## 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  $\theta$  and  $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-duals, where  $\theta$  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*  $T_{\mathcal{F}} : \ell^2(I) \longrightarrow H$  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  $\Lambda$ . The operator  $S_\Lambda$  is defined by  $S_\Lambda = T_\Lambda T_\Lambda^*$ . If  $\Lambda$  is a g-frame, then  $S_\Lambda$  is invertible. The *canonical g-dual* for  $\Lambda$  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  $\Lambda$  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  $\pi_{W_i}$  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  $\theta$  and  $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-duals, where  $\theta$  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  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  be two g-Bessel sequences and  $S_{\Gamma\Lambda} = T_{\Gamma}T_{\Lambda}^*$ . Then  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  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  $\Gamma$  (resp.  $\Lambda$ ) is an approximate dual g-frame or an approximate g-dual of  $\Lambda$  (resp.  $\Gamma$ ).

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  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  are approximately dual g-frames, then  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  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  $\Lambda$  is a g-dual of  $\Gamma$  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  $\Lambda$  is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of  $\Gamma$  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  $\|S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}_i}\| \leq \sqrt{B'_i D'_i} \leq \sqrt{B'D'}$ , 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  $\Lambda$  is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of  $\Gamma$ .  $\square$

**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  $\Lambda$  is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of  $\Gamma$  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  $\Lambda$  is an approximate g-dual (resp. a g-dual) of  $\Gamma$  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.**  $\Gamma$  is an approximate g-dual of  $\Lambda$  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  $\Lambda$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\Gamma$  is an approximate g-dual of  $\Lambda$ , 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  $\Lambda$ .

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  $\Lambda$ . Now we have

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

This means that  $\Gamma$  is an approximate g-dual of  $\Lambda$ .  $\square$

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  $\Lambda$  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  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  are *P-equivalent*. Also if  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}, \{g_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq H$  and  $f_i = Pg_i$ , 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  $\{ae_i\}_{i \in I}$  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  $\Lambda$  be a g-Riesz basis. Then*

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

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

(ii) It follows from part (i) that there exists an invertible operator  $T$  on  $H$  with  $\Gamma_i = \widetilde{\Lambda_i} T = \Lambda_i S_{\Lambda}^{-1} T$ . Since  $P = S_{\Lambda}^{-1} T$  is invertible,  $\Gamma$  and  $\Lambda$  are *P-equivalent*. Because  $\Lambda$  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  $UP$  is invertible, again by Corollary 3.4 in [23], we obtain that  $\Gamma$  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  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  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  $\Lambda$  is called a  $Q$ -dual of  $\Gamma$ .*
- (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  $\Lambda$  is called a  $Q$ -approximate dual of  $\Gamma$ .*

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

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  be  $g$ -Bessel sequences for  $H$ . If  $\Lambda$  is a  $Q$ -approximate dual of  $\Gamma$ , then*

- (i)  $\|T_{\Gamma} Q^* T_{\Lambda}^* - Id_H\| < 1$ .
- (ii)  $T_{\Gamma}^*$  is injective and  $T_{\Lambda} Q$  is surjective.
- (iii)  $T_{\Lambda}^*$  is injective and  $T_{\Gamma} Q^*$  is surjective.
- (iv)  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  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 Newmann algorithm  $T_{\Lambda} QT_{\Gamma}^*$  is invertible. Hence  $T_{\Gamma}^*$  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  $\Gamma$ . 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  $\Lambda$ . Similarly we can see that  $\Gamma$  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)  $\|T_{\Lambda_V} Q^* T_{\Lambda_W}^* - Id_H\| < 1$ .
- (ii)  $T_{\Lambda_V}^*$  is injective and  $T_{\Lambda_W} Q$  is surjective.
- (iii)  $T_{\Lambda_W}^*$  is injective and  $T_{\Lambda_V} Q^*$  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  $\sum_{i \in I} v_i \omega_i \pi_{W_i} S_{\Lambda_V}^{-1} \pi_{V_i} f$  converges for each  $f \in H$ . Hence the operator  $S_{\mathcal{V}_W}$  defined on  $H$  by  $S_{\mathcal{V}_W} f = \sum_{i \in I} v_i \omega_i \pi_{W_i} S_{\Lambda_V}^{-1} \pi_{V_i} f$  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  $S_{\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V}} = T_{\Lambda_W} T_{\Lambda_V}^*$ . 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  $\|S_{\mathcal{V}_W} - Id_H\| < 1$ .*

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  $Q(\{f_i\}_{i \in I}) = \{S_{\Lambda_V}^{-1} f_i\}_{i \in I}$ . 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.  $T_{\Lambda_W} Q T_{\Lambda_V}^* = Id_H$ ,  $S_{\mathcal{V}_W} = Id_H$ ). 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.  $\|T_{\Lambda_V} Q^* T_{\Lambda_W}^* - Id_H\| < 1$ ).

**Example 3.1.** (i) *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $\mathcal{W} = \{(H, \frac{1}{2})\}$  and  $\mathcal{V} = \{(H, 2)\}$ . Then  $S_{\mathcal{V}_W} = \frac{1}{4} Id_H$ , so  $\|S_{\mathcal{V}_W} - Id_H\| = \frac{3}{4} < 1$ . Thus  $\mathcal{W}$  is an approximate dual of  $\mathcal{V}$ . We also have  $S_{\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V}} = 4.Id_H$ . 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  $S_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{V}} = A.Id_H$ . 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  $S_{\mathcal{V}_W} = Id_H$  and  $S_{\mathcal{V}_W} = 4.Id_H$ . 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

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

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

**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  $\{\omega_i f_{ij}\}_{i \in I, j \in J_i}$ .*

*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  $T_{\Lambda_V} Q T_{\Lambda_W}^*(f) = \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J_i} \langle f, \omega_i f_{ij} \rangle v_i g_{ij} = S_{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}} f$ , 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  $\|T_{\Lambda_V} Q T_{\Lambda_W}^* - Id_H\| < 1$  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  $\theta$ -approximate g-duals and  $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-duals, where  $\theta$  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  $\theta$ -g-frame in  $H$  if the following holds:*

- (i) *The series  $\sum_{i \in I} \Lambda_i^* g_i$  converges for all  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I} \in \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_i$ .*
- (ii) *There exists  $B > 0$  such that for each  $f \in H$  there exists  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I} \in \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_i$  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  $\theta$ -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  $\Gamma$  is called a  $\theta$ -g-dual of  $\Lambda$ . Because in this case  $S_{\Lambda \Gamma} = \theta$ , we have  $S_{\Gamma \Lambda} = \theta^*$ . Thus if  $\Gamma$  is a  $\theta$ -g-dual of  $\Lambda$ , then  $\Lambda$  is a  $\theta^*$ -g-dual of  $\Gamma$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  be g-Bessel sequences and  $\theta \in L(H)$ . Then

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

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

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $\theta$  be a self-adjoint operator on  $H$ . Then

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

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

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

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

**Proposition 4.2.** Let  $\theta$  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  $\theta$ -approximate g-dual of itself.

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

(ii) Let  $\Lambda$  be an  $A$ -tight g-frame with  $\|\theta\| \leq A < 1$ . Since  $\|\theta\| \leq A$ , by Lemma 2.2.2 in [22],  $\|\theta - S_{\Lambda \Lambda}\| = \|\theta - A \cdot \text{Id}_H\| \leq A < 1$  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  $\bigoplus_{j \in J} \Phi_j = \{\bigoplus_{j \in J} \Lambda_{ij} \in L(\bigoplus_{j \in J} H_j, \bigoplus_{j \in J} H_{ij}) : i \in I\}$  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)  $\Psi_j$  is a  $\theta_j$ -g-dual of  $\Phi_j$ , for each  $j \in J$  if and only if  $\bigoplus_{j \in J} \Psi_j$  is a  $\bigoplus_{j \in J} \theta_j$ -g-dual of  $\bigoplus_{j \in J} \Phi_j$ .

(ii) Let  $J$  be a finite set. If  $\Psi_j$  is a  $\theta_j$ -approximate g-dual (resp.  $(\theta_j, \|\theta_j\|)$ -approximate g-dual) of  $\Phi_j$ , 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  $\theta_j$ -approximate g-duals.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $B$  and  $D$  be upper bounds for  $\Phi_j$ 's and  $\Psi_j$ 's, respectively. Since  $\Psi_j$  is a  $\theta_j$ -g-dual of  $\Phi_j$ , 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  $\theta_1 = -\frac{1}{8} \cdot \text{Id}_H$ ,  $\theta_2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{Id}_H$ ,  $\Phi_1 = \Psi_1 = \{\frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \cdot \text{Id}_H\}$  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  $\Psi_1$  is not a  $(\theta_1, \|\theta_1\|)$ -approximate g-dual of  $\Phi_1$ .

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  $\Lambda'$  and  $\Gamma'$  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  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  be  $(\theta, \|\theta\|)$ -approximate g-dual (resp.  $\theta$ -approximate g-dual) and  $\theta'$ -g-dual of  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda'$ , 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  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  are  $\theta$  and  $\theta'$ -g-duals of  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda'$ , 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  $\Lambda$  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  $\Lambda$  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  $\Lambda$  is a family of local g-atoms for  $H_0$  with respect to  $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$  if and only if  $\Lambda$  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  $\Lambda$  be a g-Bessel sequence. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $\Lambda$  is a family of approximately local g-atoms for  $H_0$  with respect to  $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ .
- (ii)  $\Lambda$  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  $\Psi$  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  $\Psi$  is a  $P_{H_0}$ -approximate g-dual of  $\Lambda$ .  
(ii)  $\implies$  (i) Suppose that  $\Psi = \{\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a  $P_{H_0}$ -approximate g-dual of  $\Lambda$ , 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  $\Gamma$  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  $\Lambda$  is a family of approximately local g-atoms for  $H_0$  with respect to  $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ .  $\square$

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