

Gabor Frames in Finite Dimensions

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Applications:

- Signal recovery
- Compressed sensing
- Operator sampling
- Operator identification

$(\varphi, \mathbb{Z}_N^2) = \{\varphi_k\}$ is an *equal norm tight frame*: we have $\|\varphi_k\| = \|\varphi\|$ and

$$\sum_k |\langle f, \varphi_k \rangle|^2 = N^2 \|\varphi\|^2 \|f\|^2.$$

If $(\varphi, \mathbb{Z}_N^2)$ is in general position, then it is also *maximally robust to erasures*: for any $K \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_N^2$ with $|K| \geq N$ we can reconstruct f from $\{\langle f, \varphi_k \rangle\}_{k \in K}$.

$$f = \sum_{k \in K} \langle f, \varphi_k \rangle \tilde{\varphi}_k,$$

where $\{\tilde{\varphi}_k\}_{k \in K}$ is a dual frame of $\{\varphi_k\}_{k \in K}$. The only previously known equal norm tight frames maximally robust to erasures were the harmonic frames.

Definition

$\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^N, \mathbb{C}^M)$ is identifiable with identifier $\varphi \in \mathbb{C}^N$, if the map $H \mapsto H\varphi$ is injective.

Let $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda$ denote the space of operators spanned by $M^\lambda T^\kappa$ for $(\kappa, \lambda) \in \Lambda$. If $(\varphi, \mathbb{Z}_N^2)$ is in general position, then φ is an identifier of $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda$ for every Λ with $|\Lambda| \leq N$.

It is the discrete version of the HRT conjecture.

Conjecture (Heil, Ramanathan, Topiwala, 1996)

For any nonzero $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, every finite set of time-frequency translates of f is linearly independent.

SIC-POVM

Problem

Is there $\varphi \in \mathbb{C}^N$ such that the vectors in $(\varphi, \mathbb{Z}_N^2)$ are pairwise equiangular?

The Clifford group is the normalizer of the WH group in $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

$$\text{Clifford group/WH group} \cong SL_2(\mathbb{Z}_N).$$

There is a Clifford unitary, U_Z , with order 3 (up to phase) called the *Zauner* matrix.

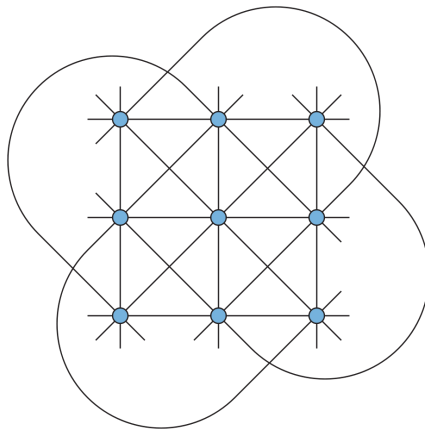
Conjecture (Zauner, 1999)

For some eigenvector of U_Z , say φ (called the fiducial vector), the vectors in $(\varphi, \mathbb{Z}_N^2)$ are pairwise equiangular.

Verified for all $N \leq 67$. Applications:

- Quantum computing, tomography, cryptography.
- Spherical designs.
- Signal processing.

Hughston's observation: SIC-POVMs in $\mathbb{C}^3$ form the Hesse



configuration.

Dang, Blanchfield, Bengtsson, Appleby, tried to find similar configurations for $N > 3$.

In general, they studied the WH-orbits of eigenvectors of Clifford unitaries (not necessarily $U_{\mathcal{Z}}$), when N is odd, square-free. Their results can be generalized to all odd N .

Let $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_N^2$ with $|\Lambda| = N$. The column vectors $M^\lambda T^\kappa z$ form a matrix, denoted by D_Λ , where

$$z = (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{N-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^N$$

is a variable vector. Define

$$P_\Lambda(z) = \det(D_\Lambda).$$

P_Λ is a homogeneous polynomial in N complex variables, of degree N . The set of zeroes of P_Λ is either the entire space $\mathbb{C}^N$ or has measure zero.

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Put $A_0 = \{0, 1, 2\}$, $A_4 = \{3, 4\}$, $A_5 = \{5\}$. Every partition B_0, B_4, B_5 of $\mathbb{Z}_6$ with $|B_\kappa| = l_\kappa$ is obtained from a permutation $\sigma \in S_N$, that is,

$$\sigma(A_\kappa) = B_\kappa.$$

Let Γ be the subgroup of permutations that leave all A_κ invariant; we will call such permutations *trivial* (with respect to Λ). If $\tau \in \Gamma$, then

$$\sigma(A_\kappa) = \sigma(\tau(A_\kappa)),$$

so σ and $\sigma\tau$ give the same permutation, hence the same monomial.

We have established that

$$\begin{aligned} S_N/\Gamma &\longrightarrow \text{monomials} \\ \sigma &\longmapsto Z^\sigma \end{aligned}$$

so

$$P_\Lambda(z) = \det(D) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_N/\Gamma} c_\sigma Z^\sigma$$

with

$$c_\sigma Z^\sigma = \pm \prod_{\kappa=0}^{N-1} \det(D_\kappa(\sigma(A_\kappa)))$$

c_σ is a product of minors of the $N \times N$ *Fourier matrix*.

We say that the monomial Z is obtained uniquely if there is a unique $\sigma \in S_N/\Gamma$ such that $Z = Z^\sigma$. If so, the coefficient of Z^σ in P_Λ is a product of Fourier minors.

$\sigma = \iota$ (identity).

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The indices that appear are

$$\sigma(A_0) - 0 = \{0, 1, 2\}, \sigma(A_4) - 4 = \{5, 0\}, \sigma(A_5) - 5 = \{0\}.$$

The monomial is

$$Z^\sigma = Z^\iota = z_0^3 z_1 z_2 z_5.$$

For $\sigma = \iota$ we have

$$c_{\iota} Z^{\iota} = \begin{vmatrix} z_0 & z_0 & z_0 \\ z_1 & \omega^2 z_1 & \omega^3 z_1 \\ z_2 & \omega^4 z_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \omega^3 z_5 & \omega^3 z_5 \\ \omega^4 z_0 & \omega^2 z_0 \end{vmatrix} \cdot |z_0|,$$

so

$$c_{\iota} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^3 \\ 1 & \omega^4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \omega^3 & \omega^3 \\ \omega^4 & \omega^2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot |1| \neq 0$$

$$\sigma = (254).$$

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Are there any monomials obtained uniquely? Yes, the *lowest index monomial* (LIM) as proven by Lawrence, Pfander, and Walnut.

- ① Pick an element of D_Λ with the lowest index.
- ② Erase column and row of this element.
- ③ Repeat with the remaining submatrix.
- ④ Multiply all variables.

No matter how you proceed with the above algorithm, you always get the same monomial; furthermore, LPW proved that you can obtain this monomial in

$$|\Gamma| = l_0! l_1! \cdots l_{N-1}!$$

ways, or equivalently, it is obtained uniquely.

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N composite? Focus on the *consecutive index monomial* (CIM). It is the monomial that corresponds to the identity permutation (or any trivial permutation), and is denoted simply by Z .

A first observation is that if the CIM is obtained uniquely, then its coefficient is a product of Vandermonde determinants (up to phase), which are nonzero.

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$$c_{\iota} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^3 \\ 1 & \omega^4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \omega^3 & \omega^3 \\ \omega^4 & \omega^2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot |1| \neq 0$$

Associate Z^σ to the random variable X_σ , as follows: if

$$Z^\sigma = z_0^{\alpha_0} z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots z_{N-1}^{\alpha_{N-1}}$$

define

$$P[X_\sigma = i] = \frac{\alpha_i}{N}$$

We say that X_σ is obtained uniquely if and only if

$$X_\sigma = X_{\sigma\tau} \Leftrightarrow \tau \in \Gamma$$

We have seen that the indices that appear in Z^σ come from the sets $\sigma(A_\kappa) - \kappa$ *counting multiplicities*. If some $A_\kappa - \kappa$ contains negative numbers, then we change Λ to some Λ' such that all $A_\kappa - \kappa$ contain nonnegative numbers

Theorem

For any $S \in \text{Aff}(\mathbb{Z}_N^2)$, we have

$$P_\Lambda \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow P_{S(\Lambda)} \neq 0.$$

S satisfies $Sx = Ax + b$, where $A \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_N)$, $b \in \mathbb{Z}_N^2$. When

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gcd(a, N) = 1, b = 0,$$

it follows from the action of $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\omega)/\mathbb{Q})$ on the WH group. When $A \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_N)$, $b = 0$, it follows from the action of the Clifford group. When $A = I$, it follows from $MT = \omega TM$.

Theorem

If $\Lambda' = \Lambda + b$, then

$$P_{\Lambda'} = cP_\Lambda,$$

for some nonzero c .

$$\Lambda = \{(0, 0), (0, 2), (0, 3), (4, 1), (4, 5), (5, 0)\}.$$

$$A_0 = \{0, 1, 2\}, A_4 = \{3, 4\}, A_5 = \{5\}.$$

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$$A_0 - 0 = \{0, 1, 2\}, A_4 - 4 = \{-1, 0\}, A_5 - 5 = \{0\}.$$

Consider $\Lambda - (4, 0)$.

$$\Lambda = \{(0, 1), (0, 5), (1, 0), (2, 0), (2, 2), (2, 3)\}.$$

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$$A_0 = \{0, 1\}, A_1 - 1 = \{1\}, A_2 - 2 = \{1, 2, 3\}.$$

$$\text{So, } Z = Z^\vee = z_0 z_1^3 z_2 z_3.$$

Theorem

Assume that all $A_\kappa - \kappa$ consist of nonnegative numbers; then $E[X] \leq E[X_\sigma]$ and $E[X^2] \leq E[X_\sigma^2]$ for all $\sigma \in S_N$. Furthermore, $E[X^2] = E[X_\sigma^2]$ if and only if σ is trivial.

Define $b_n = \kappa$ when $n \in A_\kappa$. By hypothesis, or $n - b_n \geq 0$, for all n . Then, the indices appearing in Z^σ are $\sigma(n) - b_n + \varepsilon N$ for $\varepsilon = 0$ or 1. So,

$$E[X_\sigma] \geq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sigma(n) - b_n = E[X].$$

Next, define

$$\sigma'(n) = \begin{cases} \sigma(n), & \text{if } \sigma(n) - b_n \geq 0 \\ \sigma(n) + N, & \text{if } \sigma(n) - b_n < 0, \end{cases}$$

so that

$$E[X_\sigma^2] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (\sigma'(n) - b_n)^2.$$

Let $f(n)$ be the unique strictly increasing *rearrangement* of σ' .
Then

$$E[X_\sigma^2] - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (f(n) - b_n)^2 = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(n)b_n - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sigma'(n)b_n \geq 0,$$

Also, $f(n) - b_n \geq n - b_n \geq 0$, so

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (f(n) - b_n)^2 - E[X^2] \geq 0,$$

so, $E[X^2] \leq E[X_\sigma^2]$. If $E[X^2] = E[X_\sigma^2]$, then $f(n) = n$ for all n , so $\sigma(n) - b_n \geq 0$ for all n , hence

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_\sigma^2] - E[X^2] &= \frac{2}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} nb_n - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sigma(n)b_n \\ &= \frac{2}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} nb_n - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} nb_{\sigma^{-1}(n)} \end{aligned}$$

which is 0 if and only if σ is trivial.

Define

$$Q_\Lambda(x) = P_\Lambda(1, x, x^4, \dots, x^{(N-1)^2}) \in \mathbb{Q}(\omega)[x]$$

so

$$Z^\sigma = z_0^{\alpha_0} z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots z_{N-1}^{\alpha_{N-1}}$$

becomes

$$x^{\alpha_1} x^{2^2 \alpha_2} \cdots x^{(N-1)^2 \alpha_{N-1}} = x^{N \cdot E[X_\sigma^2]}$$

and

$$Q_\Lambda(x) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_N / \Gamma} c_\sigma x^{N \cdot E[X_\sigma^2]}$$

So $Q_\Lambda(x) \neq 0$ for all Λ and $\deg Q_\Lambda \leq N(N-1)^2$

Theorem

Let ξ be a transcendental number or an algebraic number whose degree over $\mathbb{Q}(\omega)$ is $> N(N-1)^2$. Then

$$(1, \xi, \xi^4, \dots, \xi^{(N-1)^2})$$

generates a Gabor frame in general position.

Corollary

Let $N \geq 4$ and ζ be any primitive root of unity, of order $(N-1)^4$. Then

$$(1, \zeta, \zeta^4, \dots, \zeta^{(N-1)^2})$$

generates a Gabor frame in general position.

What happens for Gabor frames over non-cyclic groups? For $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ there are no Gabor frames in general position.