



## Eigenvalues and eigenvectors for a $G$ -frame operator

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### Abstract

In this paper, we investigate eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the  $g$ -frame operator of  $\{\Lambda_j P \in B(K, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$ , where  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  is a  $g$ -frame for an  $N$ -dimensional Hilbert space  $H$  and  $P$  is a rank  $k$  orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto  $K$ , a closed subspace of  $H$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Frames for Hilbert spaces were introduced by Duffin and Schaeffer [2] in 1952. They used frames as a tool in the study of nonharmonic Fourier analysis. In 2006,  $g$ -frame as a generalization of frame was introduced and investigated by Sun [5]. For more references on  $g$ -frames, we can refer to [3, 6, 7]. The authors of [1] discussed eigenvectors of a frame operator in a finite dimensional Hilbert space. In this paper, we study eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a  $g$ -frame operator in a finite dimensional Hilbert space.

Throughout this paper,  $H$  is an  $N$ -dimensional Hilbert space and  $\{H_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  is a finite sequence of Hilbert spaces, where  $\mathbb{J}$  is a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . We denote the space of all bounded linear operators from  $H$  into  $H_j$  by  $B(H, H_j)$ .

**Definition 1.1** ([5]). A sequence of operators  $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  is called a  $g$ -frame for  $H$  with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$ , if there exist two constants  $0 < A \leq B < \infty$ , such that

$$A\|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_j f\|^2 \leq B\|f\|^2, \quad f \in H, \quad (1.1)$$

$A$  and  $B$  are called the lower and upper  $g$ -frame bounds, respectively.

We call  $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  a tight  $g$ -frame if  $A = B$  and a Parseval  $g$ -frame if

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$A = B = 1$ . If the right hand inequality of (1.1) holds for all  $f \in H$  then we say that  $\Lambda$  is a  $g$ -Bessel sequence. Let us consider the space

$$\widehat{H} = \left\{ \{f_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}} : f_j \in H_j, j \in \mathbb{J}, \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|f_j\|^2 < +\infty \right\}$$

with the inner product given by  $\langle \{f_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}, \{g_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \rangle = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle f_j, g_j \rangle$ . It is easy to show that  $\widehat{H}$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the pointwise operations. It is proved in [4], if  $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  is a  $g$ -Bessel sequence for  $H$  then the operator

$$T_\Lambda : \widehat{H} \longrightarrow H, \quad T_\Lambda(\{f_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \Lambda_j^*(f_j), \quad (1.2)$$

is well defined and bounded and its adjoint is

$$T_\Lambda^* : H \longrightarrow \widehat{H}, \quad T_\Lambda^* f = \{\Lambda_j f\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}.$$

Also, a sequence  $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  is a  $g$ -frame for  $H$  if and only if the operator  $T_\Lambda$  defined by (1.2) is bounded and onto. We call the operators  $T_\Lambda$  and  $T_\Lambda^*$ , the synthesis and analysis operators of  $\Lambda$ , respectively. If  $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  is a  $g$ -frame for  $H$ , then

$$S_\Lambda : H \longrightarrow H, \quad S_\Lambda f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \Lambda_j^* \Lambda_j f,$$

is a bounded invertible positive operator [5].  $S_\Lambda$  is called the  $g$ -frame operator of  $\Lambda$  and

$$f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} S_\Lambda^{-1} \Lambda_j^* \Lambda_j f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \Lambda_j^* \Lambda_j S_\Lambda^{-1} f, \quad f \in H.$$

Here we state the following lemma and omit its proof.

**Lemma 1.2.** *If  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  is a  $g$ -frame for  $H$  and  $P$  is an orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto  $K$ , a closed subspace of  $H$ , then  $\{\Lambda_j P \in B(K, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  is a  $g$ -frame for  $K$ .*

## 2. Main results

In this section, we give some classifications of eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the  $g$ -frame operator of  $\{\Lambda_j P \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  where  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  is a  $g$ -frame for  $H$  and  $P$  is an orthogonal projection on  $H$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  be a  $g$ -frame for  $H$ . Let  $e_1 \in H$ ,  $\|e_1\| = 1$  and let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto  $\text{span}\{e_1\}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $e_1$  is an eigenvector for  $S_\Lambda$  with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ .
- (2)  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_j e_1\|^2 = \lambda_1$  and  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j e_1, \Lambda_j f \rangle = 0$  for all  $f \in (I - P)H$ .

**Proof.** Assume that (1) holds; we have

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_j e_1\|^2 = \left\langle \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \Lambda_j^* \Lambda_j e_1, e_1 \right\rangle = \langle S_\Lambda e_1, e_1 \rangle = \lambda_1.$$

If  $f \in (I - P)H$ , then

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j e_1, \Lambda_j f \rangle = \langle S_\Lambda e_1, f \rangle = \lambda_1 \langle e_1, f \rangle = 0.$$

Conversely, let (2) hold; choose  $\{e_i\}_{i=2}^N$  so that  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^N$  is an orthonormal basis for  $H$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} S_\Lambda e_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \langle S_\Lambda e_1, e_i \rangle e_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j e_1, \Lambda_j e_i \rangle e_i \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \left( \|\Lambda_j e_1\|^2 \right) e_1 + \sum_{i=2}^N \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j e_1, \Lambda_j e_i \rangle \right) e_i = \lambda_1 e_1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $e_1$  is an eigenvector for  $S_\Lambda$  with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  be a  $g$ -frame for  $H$ . Let  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be an orthonormal basis for  $H$  and  $e_i$  be an eigenvector of  $S_\Lambda$  with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Then

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_j f\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i |\langle f, e_i \rangle|^2, \quad f \in H$$

and

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j f, \Lambda_j g \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \langle f, e_i \rangle \overline{\langle g, e_i \rangle}, \quad f, g \in H.$$

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_j f\|^2 &= \langle S_\Lambda f, f \rangle \\ &= \left\langle S_\Lambda \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \langle f, e_i \rangle e_i \right), \sum_{j=1}^N \langle f, e_j \rangle e_j \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_i \langle f, e_i \rangle \overline{\langle f, e_j \rangle} \langle e_i, e_j \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i |\langle f, e_i \rangle|^2, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $f \in H$ . On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j f, \Lambda_j g \rangle &= \langle S_\Lambda f, g \rangle \\ &= \left\langle S_\Lambda \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \langle f, e_i \rangle e_i \right), \sum_{j=1}^N \langle g, e_j \rangle e_j \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_i \langle f, e_i \rangle \overline{\langle g, e_j \rangle} \langle e_i, e_j \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \langle f, e_i \rangle \overline{\langle g, e_i \rangle}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $f, g \in H$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  be a  $g$ -frame for  $H$ . Fix  $1 \leq k \leq N$  and let  $P$  be a rank  $k$  orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto a subspace  $K$ . Let  $S_1$  be the  $g$ -frame operator of  $\{\Lambda_j P \in B(K, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  and choose orthonormal family  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^k$  in  $K$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^k$  is a family of eigenvectors of  $S_1$  with eigenvalues  $\{\mu_i\}_{i=1}^k$ .  
 (2) We have

$$(i) \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_j f_i\|^2 = \mu_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k,$$

$$(ii) \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j f_i, \Lambda_j f_l \rangle = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \neq l \leq k.$$

**Proof.** Let (1) hold. Then

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_j f_i\|^2 = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_j P f_i\|^2 = \langle S_1 f_i, f_i \rangle = \mu_i \|f_i\|^2 = \mu_i,$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Similarly,

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j f_i, \Lambda_j f_l \rangle = \langle S_1 f_i, f_l \rangle = \mu_i \langle f_i, f_l \rangle = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \neq l \leq k.$$

Now, assume that (2) is true. Then choose  $\{f_i\}_{i=k+1}^N$  so that  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^N$  is an orthonormal basis for  $H$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 f_i &= \sum_{l=1}^N \langle S_1 f_i, f_l \rangle f_l = \sum_{l=1}^N \left\langle \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} P \Lambda_j^* \Lambda_j P f_i, f_l \right\rangle f_l \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j f_i, \Lambda_j f_l \rangle f_l \\ &= \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j f_i, \Lambda_j f_i \rangle \right) f_i + \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq i}}^k \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j f_i, \Lambda_j f_l \rangle \right) f_l \\ &= \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_j f_i\|^2 \right) f_i + \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq i}}^k \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_j f_i, \Lambda_j f_l \rangle \right) f_l \\ &= \mu_i f_i, \end{aligned}$$

so,  $f_i$  is an eigenvector of  $S_1$  with eigenvalue  $\mu_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . □

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  be a  $g$ -frame for  $H$ . Let  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be an orthonormal basis for  $H$  and  $e_i$  be an eigenvector of  $S_\Lambda$  with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Fix  $1 \leq k \leq N$  and let  $P$  be a rank  $k$  orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto  $K$  subspace of  $H$  and let  $S_1$  be the  $g$ -frame operator of  $\{\Lambda_j P \in B(K, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  and choose orthonormal family  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^k$  in  $K$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^k$  is a family of eigenvectors of  $S_1$  with eigenvalues  $\{\mu_i\}_{i=1}^k$ .  
 (2) We have

$$(i) \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_n |\langle f_i, e_n \rangle|^2 = \mu_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k,$$

$$(ii) \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_n \langle f_i, e_n \rangle \overline{\langle f_j, e_n \rangle} = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \neq j \leq k.$$

**Proof.** It is clear by Proposition 2.2 and Theorem 2.3. □

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  be a  $g$ -frame for  $H$ . Let  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be an orthonormal basis for  $H$  and  $e_i$  be an eigenvector of  $S_\Lambda$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Let  $\{\sigma_j\}_{j=1}^k$  be a partition of  $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  and for every  $1 \leq j \leq k$  let  $f_j = \sum_{i \in \sigma_j} a_i e_i$  with  $\|f_j\| = \sum_{i \in \sigma_j} |a_i|^2 = 1$ . Let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto  $K = \text{span}\{f_j\}_{j=1}^k$  and let  $S_1$  be the  $g$ -frame operator for  $\{\Lambda_j P \in B(K, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$ . Then  $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^k$  is an orthonormal basis for  $K$  and  $f_j$  is an eigenvector of  $S_1$  with eigenvalue  $\mu_j = \sum_{i \in \sigma_j} \lambda_i |a_i|^2$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \|\Lambda_n f_i\|^2 &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_n f_i, \Lambda_n f_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \left\langle \Lambda_n \left( \sum_{j \in \sigma_i} a_j e_j \right), \Lambda_n \left( \sum_{l \in \sigma_i} a_l e_l \right) \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \sum_{j \in \sigma_i} \sum_{l \in \sigma_i} a_j \bar{a}_l \langle \Lambda_n e_j, \Lambda_n e_l \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \sum_{j \in \sigma_i} |a_j|^2 \langle \Lambda_n e_j, \Lambda_n e_j \rangle + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \sum_{\substack{j, l \in \sigma_i \\ j \neq l}} a_j \bar{a}_l \langle \Lambda_n e_j, \Lambda_n e_l \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j \in \sigma_i} |a_j|^2 \langle S_\Lambda e_j, e_j \rangle + \sum_{\substack{j, l \in \sigma_i \\ j \neq l}} a_j \bar{a}_l \langle S_\Lambda e_j, e_l \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j \in \sigma_i} \lambda_j |a_j|^2 + 0 = \mu_i, \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \langle \Lambda_n f_i, \Lambda_n f_l \rangle &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{J}} \left\langle \Lambda_n \left( \sum_{m \in \sigma_i} a_m e_m \right), \Lambda_n \left( \sum_{t \in \sigma_l} a_t e_t \right) \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{m \in \sigma_i} \sum_{t \in \sigma_l} a_m \bar{a}_t \langle S_\Lambda e_m, e_t \rangle \\ &= \sum_{m \in \sigma_i} \sum_{t \in \sigma_l} \lambda_m a_m \bar{a}_t \langle e_m, e_t \rangle = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i \neq l \leq k$ . Therefore  $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^k$  is an orthonormal basis for  $K$  and by Theorem 2.3,  $f_j$  is an eigenvector of  $S_1$  with eigenvalue  $\mu_j = \sum_{i \in \sigma_j} \lambda_i |a_i|^2$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  be a  $g$ -frame for  $H$  with  $\dim H = 2N$ . Let  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^{2N}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $H$  and  $e_i$  be an eigenvector of  $S_\Lambda$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2N$  and  $\lambda_{2N} \leq \lambda_{2N-1} \leq \dots \leq \lambda_1$ . Let  $\lambda_{2N-i+1} \leq \mu_i \leq \lambda_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2N$ . Then there exists a subspace  $K \subseteq H$  with  $\dim K = N$  such that if  $P$  is the orthogonal projection of  $H$  onto  $K$ , then  $\{\Lambda_j P \in B(K, H_j) : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  is a  $g$ -frame for  $K$  with the  $g$ -frame operator  $S_1$  having eigenvalues  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_N$ .

**Proof.** For  $1 \leq i \leq N$  choose  $0 < \varepsilon_i < 1$  so that  $\lambda_i \varepsilon_i^2 + \lambda_{2N-i+1} (1 - \varepsilon_i^2) = \mu_i$  and let  $f_i = \varepsilon_i e_i + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon_i^2} e_{2N-i+1}$ . So,  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^N$  is an orthonormal sequence in  $H$ . Let  $K =$

$\text{span}\{f_i\}_{i=1}^N$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{2N} \lambda_n |\langle f_i, e_n \rangle|^2 &= \langle S_\Lambda f_i, f_i \rangle \\ &= \left\langle S_\Lambda \left( \varepsilon_i e_i + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon_i^2} e_{2N-i+1} \right), \varepsilon_i e_i + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon_i^2} e_{2N-i+1} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \varepsilon_i \lambda_i e_i + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon_i^2} \lambda_{2N-i+1} e_{2N-i+1}, \varepsilon_i e_i + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon_i^2} e_{2N-i+1} \right\rangle \\ &= \lambda_i \varepsilon_i^2 + \lambda_{2N-i+1} (1 - \varepsilon_i^2) = \mu_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N. \end{aligned}$$

For  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{2N} \lambda_n \langle f_i, e_n \rangle \overline{\langle f_j, e_n \rangle} &= \langle S_\Lambda f_i, f_j \rangle \\ &= \left\langle S_\Lambda \left( \varepsilon_i e_i + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon_i^2} e_{2N-i+1} \right), \varepsilon_j e_j + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon_j^2} e_{2N-j+1} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \varepsilon_i \lambda_i e_i + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon_i^2} \lambda_{2N-i+1} e_{2N-i+1}, \varepsilon_j e_j + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon_j^2} e_{2N-j+1} \right\rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So by Theorem 2.4,  $f_i$  is an eigenvector for  $S_1$  with eigenvalue  $\mu_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .  $\square$

We close the paper by giving examples in which the conditions of Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 2.3 are satisfied.

**Example 2.7.** Let  $H = \mathbb{C}^3$  and we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_1 : \mathbb{C}^3 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, & \Lambda_1(x, y, z) &= 2x - y, \\ \Lambda_2 : \mathbb{C}^3 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, & \Lambda_2(x, y, z) &= x + 2y, \\ \Lambda_3 : \mathbb{C}^3 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, & \Lambda_3(x, y, z) &= \sqrt{6}zi. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(\mathbb{C}^3, \mathbb{C}) : j = 1, 2, 3\}$  is a  $g$ -frame for  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with the  $g$ -frame bounds 5, 6. Therefore, the  $g$ -frame operator of  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(\mathbb{C}^3, \mathbb{C}) : j = 1, 2, 3\}$  is

$$S_\Lambda : \mathbb{C}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^3, \quad S_\Lambda(x, y, z) = (5x, 5y, 6z).$$

Then 5 is an eigenvalue of  $S_\Lambda$  with eigenvectors  $(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0)$  and 6 is an eigenvalue of  $S_\Lambda$  with eigenvector  $(0, 0, 1)$ . Let  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^3$  be the standard orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{C}^3$ . Let us consider the orthogonal projection  $P$  on  $\mathbb{C}^3$ ,

$$P : \mathbb{C}^3 \longrightarrow \text{span}\{(0, 0, 1)\} = \text{span}\{e_3\}.$$

Then

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 |\Lambda_j(e_3)|^2 = 0 + 0 + |\sqrt{6}i|^2 = 6,$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 \langle \Lambda_j(e_3), \Lambda_j(f) \rangle = \langle S_\Lambda(e_3), f \rangle = \langle 6e_3, c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2 \rangle = 0, \quad f \in (I - P)\mathbb{C}^3.$$

Now, by the above assumption we define the orthogonal projection  $P$  on  $\mathbb{C}^3$  as follows:

$$P : \mathbb{C}^3 \longrightarrow K = \text{span}\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)\}, \quad P(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0).$$

For any  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\Lambda_1 P)(x, y, z) &= 2x - y, \\ (\Lambda_2 P)(x, y, z) &= x + 2y, \\ (\Lambda_3 P)(x, y, z) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the  $g$ -frame operator of  $\{\Lambda_j P \in B(\mathbb{C}^3, \mathbb{C}) : j = 1, 2, 3\}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 : K &\longrightarrow K \\ S_1(x, y, z) &= PS_\Lambda P(x, y, z) = (5x, 5y, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(1, 0, 0)$  and  $(0, 1, 0)$  are the eigenvectors of  $S_1$  with the eigenvalue 5. We have

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 |\Lambda_j(e_1)|^2 = 5,$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 |\Lambda_j(e_2)|^2 = 5.$$

Also,

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 \langle \Lambda_j(e_1), \Lambda_j(e_2) \rangle = \langle S_\Lambda(e_1), e_2 \rangle = \langle (5, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0) \rangle = 0.$$

**Example 2.8.** Let  $H = \mathbb{C}^N$  and we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_j : \mathbb{C}^N &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, & \Lambda_j(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) &= x_j, & 1 \leq j \leq N-1 \\ \Lambda_N : \mathbb{C}^N &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}, & \Lambda_N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) &= 2x_N. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(\mathbb{C}^N, \mathbb{C}) : j = 1, \dots, N\}$  is a  $g$ -frame for  $\mathbb{C}^N$  with the  $g$ -frame bounds 1, 4. Therefore, the  $g$ -frame operator is

$$\begin{aligned} S_\Lambda : \mathbb{C}^N &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^N \\ S_\Lambda(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N) &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, 4x_N). \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of  $S_\Lambda$  are 1 and 4 and the eigenvectors of 1 are  $(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $(0, 0, \dots, 1, 0)$  and the eigenvector of 4 is  $(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$ . Let  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^N$  is the standard orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{C}^N$  and consider the orthogonal projection  $P$  on  $\mathbb{C}^N$  as follows:

$$P : \mathbb{C}^N \longrightarrow \text{span}\{(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)\}.$$

Then

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |\Lambda_j(e_N)|^2 = 4,$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \langle \Lambda_j(e_N), \Lambda_j(f) \rangle = \langle S_\Lambda(e_N), f \rangle = \langle 4e_N, \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} c_i e_i \rangle = 0, \quad f \in (I - P)\mathbb{C}^N.$$

Now, we consider the orthogonal projection  $P$  on  $\mathbb{C}^N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P : \mathbb{C}^N &\longrightarrow K = \text{span}\{(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, 0, \dots, 1, 0)\} \\ P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N) &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Then the  $g$ -frame operator of  $\{\Lambda_j P \in B(\mathbb{C}^N, \mathbb{C}) : j = 1, \dots, N\}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 : K &\longrightarrow K \\ S_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N) &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}, 0). \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of  $S_1$  are 0 and 1 and the eigenvector of 0 is  $(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$  and the eigenvectors of 1 are  $(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $(0, 0, \dots, 1, 0)$ . We have

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |\Lambda_j(e_i)|^2 = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N - 1,$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \langle \Lambda_j(e_l), \Lambda_j(e_i) \rangle = \langle S_\Lambda(e_l), e_i \rangle = \langle e_l, e_i \rangle = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \neq l \leq N - 1.$$

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