# **CONTROLLED** g-FRAMES and THEIR g-DUALS

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Abstract In this paper, we prove some properties of controlled g-frames. A necessary and sufficient condition for a controlled g-Bessel sequence to be a controlled g-frame is obtained. In addition, we give sufficient conditions for the sum of two (C, D)-controlled g-frames to be a (C, D)-controlled g-frame. Then, we define the controlled g-dual of a controlled g-frame and prove some conditions under which two g-Bessel sequences befit controlled g-dual frames. Thereafter, we obtain necessary conditions under which a combination of two (C, D)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  will again be a (C, D)-controlled g-duals of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$ . We conclude this paper by providing the invertible operators that preserve the (C, D)-controlled g-dual of a controlled g-frame.

## **1** Introduction

While studying various problems in the non-harmonic Fourier series, Duffin and Schaeffer [8] discovered the concept of frames in 1952. In 1986, Daubechies, Grossman and Meyer [6] reacquainted with the notion of frames. Frames have numerous applications in pure and applied mathematics. Over a period of time, various extensions and generalizations of frames in Hilbert and Banach spaces like *g*-frames [15, 24, 25], Fusion frames [4], *K*-frames [9, 10, 21], *K*-fusion frames [3], Atomic subspaces for operators [2], *K*-*g*-frames [16, 17] and Fusion Banach frames [11, 12, 13, 14], *F*-Fusion Banach Frames [19] have been studied.

P. Balaz [1] in 2010 came up with the idea of controlled frames to improve the numerical efficiency of the iterative algorithm for inverting the frame operator on abstract Hilbert space. Since then controlled frames have been studied by various researchers. Rahimi et al. [20] coined the concept of controlled g-frames which is an extension of g-frames and controlled frames. The duals of a frame play an important role in the reconstruction of vectors in terms of frame elements. Keeping this in mind Dehghan and Fard [7] defined the concept of g-duals of frames in Hilbert spaces and it was observed that we can achieve more reconstruction formulas to obtain signals. This concept was further extended by Ramezani and Nazari [22] to g-duals of generalized frames. Ramezani [23] broadened the concept of g-dual of a frame to controlled q-dual frames for a C-controlled frame. Controlled q-frames have the dynamism of theoretically foundational and practical applications. With the ongoing research on controlled g-frames and their g-duals, we studied some interesting properties of controlled g-frames with two controller operators which are bounded and invertible. The inference that has been flagged in this paper is the construction of g-duals of controlled g-frames and it was observed that g-duals of controlled frames are generalizations of dual g-frames. Section 2 deals with the basic definitions and related results. In Section 3, we discuss several properties of controlled g-frames with two positive controller operators and give a characterization for a controlled g-Bessel sequence to be controlled g-frame. The concept of the generalized dual of controlled g-frames or simply g-dual of controlled g-frames is given in Section 4. Also, we obtain a reconstruction formula for the

elements of the Hilbert space H in terms of the adjoint of controlled g-frame elements using g-dual of controlled g-frames.

Throughout this paper, H will denote a separable Hilbert space and  $B(H_1, H_2)$  denotes the collection of all bounded linear operators from  $H_1$  to  $H_2$  and B(H) is the collection of all bounded linear operators on H.  $T^*$  denotes the adjoint of the operator T. GL(H) denotes the set of all bounded linear operators which have bounded inverse.  $GL^+(H)$  denotes the set of all positive operators in GL(H). A bounded operator  $S : H \to H$  is positive if  $\langle Sx, x \rangle > 0$ , for all  $0 \neq x \in H$ . Every bounded positive operator on a complex Hilbert space is self-adjoint. Also, we have assumed in this paper that two positive operators commute. Let  $\{H_j : j \in J\}$  be a sequence of closed subspaces of H, where J is a countable indexing set. Then the sequence space

$$l^{2}(\{H_{j}\}_{j\in J}) = \left\{ \{x_{j}\}_{j\in J} : x_{j}\in H_{j}, j\in J, \sum_{j\in J} ||x_{j}||^{2} < \infty \right\}$$

with the inner product given by  $\langle \{x_j\}_{j \in J}, \{y_j\}_{j \in J} \rangle = \sum_{j \in J} \langle x_j, y_j \rangle_{H_j}$  is a separable Hilbert space.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we present basic definitions and results related to frames, controlled frames, *g*-frames and controlled *g*-frames and their *g*-duals.

**Definition 2.1.** [5] A sequence  $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$  in H is said to be a frame for H, if there exist constants  $0 < A \le B < \infty$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$A||x||^{2} \leq \sum_{j \in J} |\langle x, f_{j} \rangle|^{2} \leq B||x||^{2}.$$
(2.1)

The constants A and B are called the lower and upper frame bounds, of the frame  $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$ , respectively. A frame  $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$  is said to be a tight frame if A = B in (2.1) and a Parseval frame if A = B = 1. If only the right hand inequality in (2.1) holds, then  $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$  is known as a Bessel sequence.

**Definition 2.2.** [7] A frame  $\{g_j\}_{j \in J}$  is called a *g*-dual frame of the frame  $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$  for *H* if there exists an invertible operator  $\Xi \in B(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$x = \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Xi x, g_j \rangle f_j.$$

**Definition 2.3.** [1] Let  $C \in GL(H)$ . A sequence  $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$  in H is a C-controlled frame, if there exist constants  $0 < A \le B < \infty$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$A \|x\|^2 \le \sum_{j \in J} \langle x, f_j \rangle \langle Cf_j, x \rangle \le B \|x\|^2.$$

**Definition 2.4.** [23] Let  $C \in GL(H)$ . Suppose that  $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a *C*-controlled frame and  $\{g_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a Bessel sequence in *H*. Then  $\{g_j\}_{j \in J}$  is said to be *g*-dual of  $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$ , if there exist an invertible operator  $\Xi \in B(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$x = \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Xi x, g_j \rangle C f_j.$$

**Definition 2.5.** [24] A sequence  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in J\}$  is said to be a *g*-frame for *H* with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$ , if there exist constants  $0 < A \leq B < \infty$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$A||x||^{2} \leq \sum_{j \in J} ||\Lambda_{j}x||^{2} \leq B||x||^{2}.$$
(2.2)

The constants A and B are called the lower and upper frame bounds of g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$ , respectively. The g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is said to be tight if A = B and a Parseval g-frame, if A = B = 1 in (2.2). If only the right hand inequality in (2.2) holds, then  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is called a g-Bessel sequence for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [22] Let  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  be a *g*-frame for *H* with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$ . A *g*-frame  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  is called *g*-dual of *g*-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  for *H* with respect to  $\{H\}_{j\in J}$ , if there exist an invertible operator  $\Xi \in B(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$x = \sum_{j \in J} \Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j(\Xi x).$$

**Definition 2.7.** [7] Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$ . A sequence  $\{\Lambda_j \in B(H, H_j) : j \in J\}$  is called a (C, D)-controlled g-frame for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$ , if there exist constants  $0 < A \leq B < \infty$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$A\|x\|^{2} \leq \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_{j} C x, \Lambda_{j} D x \rangle \leq B\|x\|^{2}.$$
(2.3)

The constants A and B are called as the lower and upper frame bounds for (C, D)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$ , respectively. If only the right hand inequality in (2.3) holds, then  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is called a (C, D)-controlled g-Bessel sequence for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$ . If  $D = I_H$ , then  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is called a C-controlled g-frame for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$ . If C = D, then  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a  $C^2$  (or (C, C))-controlled g-frame for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$ .

For a (C, D)-controlled g-Bessel sequence  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  of H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$  with bound  $B_{\Lambda}$ , the operator  $T_{(C,D)} : l^2 (\{H_j\}_{j\in J}) \to H$  defined as  $T_{(C,D)}(\{x_j\}_{j\in J}) = \sum_{j\in J} (CD)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Lambda_j^* x_j$ , for all  $\{x_j\}_{j\in J} \in \{H\}_{j\in J}$  is well-defined, bounded and its adjoint  $T_{(C,D)}^* : H \to l^2 (\{H_j\}_{j\in J})$  given by  $T_{(C,D)}^*(x) = \{\Lambda_j (DC)^{\frac{1}{2}} x\}_{j\in J}$ , for all  $x \in H$  is a bounded linear operator.  $T_{(C,D)}$  is called the synthesis operator and  $T_{(C,D)}^*$  is called the analysis operator of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$ . The frame operator of (C, D)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is defined as  $S_{(C,D)}(x) = \sum_{j\in J} D\Lambda_j^* \Lambda_j Cx$ , for all  $x \in H$ . Moreover,  $S_{(C,D)} = CS_{\Lambda}D$ , where  $S_{\Lambda}$  is the frame operator of g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$ . The operator  $S_{(C,D)}$  is positive, self-adjoint and invertible.

**Proposition 2.8.** [5] Let H and K be Hilbert spaces and suppose that  $U : K \to H$  is a bounded operator with a closed range. Then there exists a bounded operator  $U^+ : H \to K$  satisfying  $ker(U^+) = range(U)^{\perp}, range(U^+) = ker(U)^{\perp}$  and  $UU^+x = x$ , for all  $x \in range(U)$ . The operator  $U^+$  is called the pseudo-inverse of U.

**Proposition 2.9.** [5] Let  $U : H \to H$  be a linear operator. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) There exists two constants  $0 \le m \le M < \infty$ , such that  $mI_H \le U \le MI_H$ .
- (ii) U is positive and there exists constants  $0 \le m \le M < \infty$  such that  $m \|x\|^2 \le \|U^{\frac{1}{2}}x\|^2 \le M \|x\|^2$ .
- (iii)  $U \in GL^+(H)$ .

#### **3** Properties of controlled frames

In this section, we discuss various properties of controlled g-frames with two controller operators. A necessary and sufficient condition for a controlled g-Bessel sequence to be a controlled g-frame is obtained. Further, we construct new controlled g-frames from a given controlled g-frame.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$ . A (C, D)-controlled g-Bessel sequence  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  with Bessel bound  $B_{\Lambda}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-frame for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$  if and only if the operator  $T_{(C,D)} : l^2(\{H_j\}_{j\in J}) \to H$  given by  $T_{(C,D)}(\{x_j\}_{j\in J}) = \sum_{j\in J} (CD)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Lambda_j^* x_j$  is a well-defined bounded and surjective linear operator.

*Proof.* As the frame operator  $S_{(C,D)} = T_{(C,D)}T^*_{(C,D)}$  of a (C,D)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is invertible, therefore it follows that  $T_{(C,D)}$  is surjective. Conversely, suppose that  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (C,D)-controlled g-Bessel sequence with bessel bound  $B_{\Lambda}$  and  $T_{(C,D)}$  is a well defined bounded and surjective linear operator. So, by Proposition 2.8, its pseudoinverse  $T^+_{(C,D)}$  exists and  $T_{(C,D)}T^+_{(C,D)}x = x$ , for all  $x \in H$ . Thus,

$$\|x\|^{4} \leq |\langle T^{+}_{(C,D)}x, T^{*}_{(C,D)}x\rangle|^{2} \leq \|T^{+}_{(C,D)}\|^{2} \|x\|^{2} \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_{j}Cx, \Lambda_{j}Dx \rangle.$$

Hence, for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$\|T_{(C,D)}^+\|^{-2}\|x\|^2 \le \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j C x, \Lambda_j D x \rangle \le B_{\Lambda} \|x\|^2.$$

**Remark 3.2.** However, if the operator  $T_{(C,D)}$  is not surjective, then the (C,D)-controlled *g*-Bessel sequence  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  for *H* with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$  need not be a (C,D)-controlled *g*-frame for *H* with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$  as is evident from the following example.

**Example 3.3.** Suppose that  $H = \mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\{e_j\}_{j\in J}$  be an orthonormal basis of H. Let  $H_j = span\{e_j\}$  and  $0 \neq \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . For  $1 \leq j \leq 4$ , define  $\Lambda_j : H \to H_j$  as  $\Lambda_1 x = (\langle x, e_2 \rangle + \langle x, e_3 \rangle)e_1$ ;  $\Lambda_2 x = \langle x, e_2 \rangle e_2$ ;  $\Lambda_3 x = \langle x, e_3 \rangle e_3$ ;  $\Lambda_4 x = \langle x, e_4 \rangle e_4$  and  $C, D : H \to H$  as  $Cx = \alpha x$  and  $Dx = \alpha^{-1}x$ . Then, for any  $x \in H$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^4 \langle \Lambda_j Cx, \Lambda_j Dx \rangle \leq 3 ||x||^2$ . Thus,  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-Bessel sequence for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$ , but is not a (C, D)-controlled g-frame for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$  as  $||e_1|| = 1$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^4 \langle \Lambda_j Ce_1, \Lambda_j De_1 \rangle = 0$ . Also, the operator  $T_{(C,D)} : l^2(\{H_j\}_{j\in j}) \to H$  given by  $T_{(C,D)}(\{x_j\}_{j\in J}) = (0, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ , for all  $\{x_j\}_{j\in J} \in l^2(\{H_j\}_{j\in J})$  is not surjective as for  $e_1 \in H$ , there does not exist any  $\{x_j\}_{j\in J} \in l^2(\{H_j\}_{j\in J}) = e_1$ .

In the next two theorems, we construct new (C, D)-controlled g-frames from an existing (C, D)-controlled g-frame.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$  and  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  be a (C, D)-controlled g-frame. Then  $\{\Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{-1}\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-frame and  $\{\Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled Parseval g-frame for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

*Proof.* As  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)- controlled g-frame, therefore there exists constants  $0 < A \leq B < \infty$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$A||x||^{2} \leq \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_{j} C x, \Lambda_{j} D x \rangle \leq B||x||^{2}.$$

One may note that for any  $x \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{-1} C x, \Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{-1} D x \rangle &= \sum_{j \in J} \langle S_{(C,D)} S_{(C,D)}^{-1} x, S_{(C,D)}^{-1} x \rangle \\ &\leq B \| S_{(C,D)}^{-1} x \|^2 \\ &\leq B A^{-2} \| x \|^2. \end{split}$$

Additionally, for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$\sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{-1} C x, \Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{-1} D x \rangle \ge A \| S_{(C,D)}^{-1} x \|^2 \ge A B^{-2} \| x \|^2.$$

Thus, for all  $x \in H$ , we have

$$AB^{-2} \|x\|^2 \le \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{-1} Cx, \Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{-1} Dx \rangle \le BA^{-2} \|x\|^2.$$

So,  $\{\Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C,D)-controlled g-frame for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Further, for any  $x \in H$ ,

$$\sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{\frac{-1}{2}} Cx, \Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{\frac{-1}{2}} Dx \rangle = \langle S_{(C,D)}^{\frac{-1}{2}} x, S_{(C,D)}^{\frac{-1}{2}} x \rangle = \|x\|^2.$$

Hence,  $\{\Lambda_j S_{(C,D)}^{\frac{-1}{2}}\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C,D)-controlled Parseval *g*-frame for *H* with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$ ,  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  be a (C, D)-controlled g-frame for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$ . If  $U \in B(H)$  is invertible that commutes with C and D, then  $\{\Lambda_j U\}_{j \in J}$  is also a (C, D)-controlled g-frame.

*Proof.* By definition of (C, D)-controlled g-frame, there exists constants  $0 < A \le B < \infty$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$A||x||^{2} \leq \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_{j} C x, \Lambda_{j} D x \rangle \leq B||x||^{2}.$$

Thus, for any  $x \in H$ ,

$$A||x||^{2} \leq ||U^{-1}||^{2} \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_{j} C U x, \Lambda_{j} D U x \rangle \leq B ||U^{-1}||^{2} ||U||^{2} ||x||^{2}.$$

Hence, for all  $x \in H$ .

$$A||U^{-1}||^{-2}||x||^2 \le \sum_{j\in J} \langle \Lambda_j UCx, \Lambda_j UDx \rangle \le B||U||^2 ||x||^2.$$

In the next example, we see that the Theorem 3.5 may not hold if U does not commute with C and D.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $H = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\{e_j\}_{j \in J}$  be an orthonormal basis of H. Let  $H_1 = span\{e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $H_2 = span\{e_1, e_3\}$  and  $H_3 = span\{e_1, e_2\}$ . For  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ , define  $\Lambda_j : H \to H_j$  as  $\Lambda_1 x = \langle x, e_2 \rangle e_3$ ;  $\Lambda_2 x = \langle x, e_3 \rangle e_1$ ;  $\Lambda_3 x = 2\langle x, e_1 \rangle e_2$ ; and  $C, D : H \to H$  as  $Cx = \frac{1}{2}\langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \frac{1}{3}\langle x, e_2 \rangle e_2 + \frac{1}{4}\langle x, e_3 \rangle e_3$ ,  $Dx = 2\langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1 + 3\langle x, e_2 \rangle e_2 + 3\langle x, e_3 \rangle e_3$  and  $U : H \to H$  as  $Ux = \langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1 + (2\langle x, e_1 \rangle + \langle x, e_2 \rangle) e_2 + \langle x, e_3 \rangle e_3$ . Then, the operators  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$  and  $U \in GL(H)$  does not commute with C and D. For any  $x \in H$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}||x||^2 \leq \sum_{j=1}^3 \langle \Lambda_j Cx, \Lambda_j Dx \rangle \leq 4||x||^2$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-frame for H with respect to  $\{H\}_{j \in J}$ . Since for  $x = e_3$ ,  $||x||^2 = 1$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^3 \langle \Lambda_j UCx, \Lambda_j UDx \rangle = \frac{3}{4}$ .

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H), \Lambda = {\Lambda_j}_{j \in J}$  and  $\Gamma = {\Gamma_j}_{j \in J}$  be two g-Bessel sequences for H with respect to  ${H_j}_{j \in J}$ . We define the operator  $S_{D\Lambda\Gamma C}$  on H as  $S_{D\Lambda\Gamma C}x = \sum_{j \in J} D\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j Cx$ , for all  $x \in H$ .

It can easily be verified that  $S_{D\Lambda\Gamma C}$  is a well defined, bounded, linear operator and  $||S_{D\Lambda\Gamma C}|| = \sqrt{B_{\Lambda}B_{\Gamma}}$ , where  $B_{\Lambda}$  and  $B_{\Gamma}$  are the g-Bessel bounds of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$ , respectively. For  $C = D = I_H$ , we have  $S_{\Lambda\Gamma}x = \sum_{j\in J} \Lambda_j^*\Gamma_j x$ . Moving forward, we look for the conditions under which the sum of two (C, D)-controlled g-frames is again a (C, D)-controlled g-frame.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$ ,  $\Lambda = {\Lambda_j}_{j \in J}$  and  $\Gamma = {\Gamma_j}_{j \in J}$  be (C, D)-controlled gframes for H with respect to  ${H}_{j \in J}$ . If  $S_{\Lambda\Gamma}$  and  $S_{\Gamma\Lambda}$  commute with C, D and  $S_{\Lambda\Gamma} + S_{\Gamma\Lambda} \in GL^+(H)$ . Then  ${\Lambda_j + \Gamma_j}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-frame.

*Proof.* As  $\Lambda$  and  $\Gamma$  are (C, D)-controlled g-frames, there exists  $0 < A_1 \leq B_1 < \infty$  and  $0 < A_2 \leq B_2 < \infty$  such that for all  $x \in H$ , we have

$$A_1 \|x\|^2 \le \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j C x, \Lambda_j D x \rangle \le B_1 \|x\|^2$$

and

$$A_2 \|x\|^2 \le \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Gamma_j C x, \Gamma_j D x \rangle \le B_2 \|x\|^2.$$

Note that  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  are g-Bessel sequences and it can easily be verified that  $S_{D\Lambda\Gamma C} + S_{C\Gamma\Lambda D}$  is a positive operator. Therefore, by Proposition 2.9, there exists m > 0 such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$\langle S_{D\Lambda\Gamma C} + S_{C\Gamma\Lambda D}x, x \rangle \ge m \|x\|^2$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{j \in J} \langle (\Lambda_j + \Gamma_j) Cx, (\Lambda_j + \Gamma_j) Dx \rangle = \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j Cx, \Lambda_j Dx \rangle + \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Gamma_j Cx, \Gamma_j Dx \rangle \\ + \langle S_{\Lambda C \Gamma D} + S_{\Gamma D \Lambda C} x, x \rangle \\ \geq (A_1 + A_2 + m) \|x\|^2.$$

Moreover,

$$\sum_{j \in J} \langle (\Lambda_j + \Gamma_j) Cx, (\Lambda_j + \Gamma_j) Dx \rangle \le (B_1 + B_2 + 2\sqrt{B_\Lambda B_\Gamma}) \|x\|^2,$$

where  $B_{\Lambda}$  and  $B_{\Gamma}$  are the *g*-Bessel bounds of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  respectively. Hence, the result follows.

## 4 Controlled *g*-dual frames of generalized controlled frames

S.M.Ramezani and A. Nazari [22] introduced the concept of g-dual of g-frames in Hilbert spaces. In this section, we define the g-dual of controlled g-frames and establish relationships between controlled g-frames and their g-duals.

**Definition 4.1.** [18] Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$ . A (D, D)-controlled g-Bessel sequence  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  is called a (C, D)-controlled dual g-frame of a (C, C)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$  if for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$x = \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j Dx.$$

Note that every (C, C)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  has atleast one (C, D)-controlled dual g-frame. Indeed,  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J} = \{\Lambda_j CS^{-1}_{(C,C)}D^{-1}\}_{j \in J}$ , is a (D, D)-controlled g-Bessel sequence and  $x = \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j Dx$ , for all  $x \in H$ . Thus,  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled dual g-frame of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

Now, we define (C, D)-controlled g-dual of a (C, C)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$  and  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  a (C, C)-controlled *g*-frame. A (D, D)controlled *g*-Bessel sequence  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is said to be a (C, D)-controlled *g*-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ , if there exists an operator  $\Xi \in GL(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$x = \sum_{j \in J} C \Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x).$$

When  $\Xi = I_H$ , then  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled dual g-frame of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Further, if  $\Xi = C = D = I_H$ , then  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is an g-dual of g-frame of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Hence, the controlled g-dual of a controlled g-frame is the generalization of a dual g-frame.

Now, we prove some equivalent conditions under which the *g*-Bessel sequences  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  becomes the controlled *g*-dual frames.

**Proposition 4.3.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$ . Suppose  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  are g-Bessel sequences in H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

(i) there exist  $\Xi \in GL(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$x = \sum_{j \in J} C \Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x);$$

(ii) there exist  $\Xi \in GL(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$x = \sum_{j \in J} D\Gamma_j^* \Lambda_j C(\Xi^* x)$$

(iii) there exist  $\Xi \in GL(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Gamma_j D(\Xi x), \Lambda_j C y \rangle;$$

(iv) there exist  $\Xi \in GL(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j C(\Xi^* x), \Gamma_j D y \rangle.$$

*Proof.* Let (i) hold. Then for any  $x \in H$ , we have  $x = \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x)$ , where  $\Xi$  is an invertible operator. Also, there exists some  $y \in H$  such that  $x = \Xi y$ . Therefore,  $y = \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi y) = \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j Dx$ . Thus,  $x = \Xi y = \sum_{j \in J} \Xi C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j Dx$ . Since  $\{\Gamma_j D\}_{j \in J}$ and  $\{\Lambda_j C\Xi^*\}_{j \in J}$  are g-Bessel sequences, it follows that,  $x = \sum_{j \in J} (\Lambda_j C\Xi^*)^* \Gamma_j Dx = \sum_{j \in J} (\Gamma_j D)^*$  $\Lambda_j C(\Xi^* x)$ . Thus,  $x = \sum_{j \in J} D\Gamma_j^* \Lambda_j C(\Xi^* x)$ , therefore, (ii) holds. Using a similar argument, we can prove that (ii) implies (i).

Next, we prove the equivalence of conditions (i) and (iii). As  $x = \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x)$ . Therefore, for any  $y \in H$ ,

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{j \in J} \langle C \Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x), y \rangle = \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Gamma_j D(\Xi x), \Lambda_j C y \rangle$$

Fix  $x \in H$ , then for every  $y \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x - \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x), y \rangle &= \langle x, y \rangle - \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Gamma_j D(\Xi x), \Lambda_j C y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, y \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

This is true for every  $y \in H$  and hence,  $x = \sum_{j \in J} C \Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x)$ . Following arguments similar to the ones used above, we can prove (ii) and (iv) are equivalent, which concludes the proof.

**Corollary 4.4.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$ . Suppose that  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  are two g-Bessel sequences of H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$  such that for all  $x \in H, x = \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x)$ , for some  $\Xi \in GL(H)$ . Then,  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  are (C, C)-controlled and (D, D)-controlled g-frames for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $x = \sum_{j \in J} D\Gamma_j^* \Lambda_j C(\Xi^* x)$ , for all  $x \in H$ .

*Proof.* Let  $B_{\Lambda}$  and  $B_{\Gamma}$  be the Bessel bound of the g-Bessel sequences  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$ , respectively. Then for any  $x \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|^4 &= |\langle \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x), x \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in J} \|\Gamma_j D(\Xi x)\|^2 \sum_{j \in J} \|\Lambda_j C x\|^2 \\ &\leq B_{\Gamma} \|\Xi\|^2 \|D\|^2 \|x\|^2 \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j C x, \Lambda_j C x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$\frac{1}{B_{\Gamma}\|C\|^2}\|X\|^2 \leq \sum_{j \in J} \langle \Lambda_j Cx, \Lambda_j Cx \rangle \leq B_{\Lambda}\|C\|^2\|x\|^2.$$

Therefore,  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (C, C)-controlled *g*-frame. Similarly, we can prove that  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  is also a (D, D)-controlled *g*-frame. As  $x = \sum_{j\in J} C\Lambda_j^*\Gamma_j D(\Xi x)$ , therefore by Proposition 4.3, it follows that  $x = \sum_{j\in J} D\Gamma_j^*\Lambda_j C(\Xi^*x)$ .

**Remark 4.5.** In view of Corollary 4.4, it is clear that  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  and  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (D, C)-controlled g-dual of  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$ .

Next, we generate new (C, D)-controlled g-dual of (C, C)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  from a given (C, D)-controlled g-dual frame.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  be a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of (C, C)controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j\in J}$  with  $\Xi \in GL(H)$  and  $\lambda$  be any complex number. Then the sequence  $\{\psi_j\}_{j\in J}$  given by  $\psi_j = \lambda\Gamma_j + (1-\lambda)\Lambda_j DS_{(C,D)}^{-1}\Xi^{-1}D^{-1}$ is a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  with the invertible operator  $\Xi$ .

*Proof.* For any  $x \in H$ ,

$$\sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \psi_j D(\Xi x) = \lambda \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D(\Xi x)$$
  
+  $(1 - \lambda) \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Lambda_j DS_{(C,D)}^{-1} \Xi^{-1} D^{-1} D(\Xi x)$   
=  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda) S_{(C,D)} S_{(C,D)}^{-1} x$   
=  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda) x$   
=  $x$ .

Thus,  $\{\psi_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (C, D) controlled *g*-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  with  $\Xi \in GL(H)$ .

In the next result, we obtain conditions under which a combination of two (C, D)-controlled g-duals of a (C, C)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  will again be a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$ . Suppose that  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{\Theta_j\}_{j \in J}$  be (C, D)-controlled g-dual of (C, C)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$  with  $\Xi_1, \Xi_2 \in GL(H)$ , respectively. Then for any complex number  $\lambda$ , the sequence  $\{\psi_j\}_{j \in J}$  given by

$$\psi_j = \lambda \Gamma_j \Xi_1 + (1 - \lambda) \Theta_j \Xi_2$$

is a (C, D) controlled g-dual frame of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  if  $\Xi_1 D = D\Xi_1$  and  $D\Xi_2 = \Xi_2 D$ .

*Proof.* For any  $x \in H$ ,

$$\sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \psi_j Dx = \lambda \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j \Xi_1 Dx + (1 - \lambda) \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Theta_j \Xi_2 Dx$$
$$= \lambda x + (1 - \lambda) x = x.$$

Therefore  $\{\psi_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (C, D) controlled g-dual frame of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$ .

Now, we present a necessary condition under which the sum of two (C, D)-controlled g-dual frames of a (C, C)-controlled frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  turns out to be a (C, D)-controlled g-dual frame.

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $C, D \in GL^+(H)$ . Suppose that  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{\Theta_j\}_{j \in J}$  are two (C, D)controlled g-dual of (C, C)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  with respect to operator  $\Xi_1, \Xi_2 \in GL(H)$ ,
respectively. If  $\Xi = \Xi_1^{-1} + \Xi_2^{-1}$  is invertible. Then,  $\{\Gamma_j + \Theta_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-dual
frame of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

*Proof.* For any  $x \in H$ ,

$$\sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* (\Gamma_j + \Theta_j) D\Xi^{-1} x = \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D\Xi_1 \Xi_1^{-1} \Xi^{-1} x$$
$$+ \sum_{j \in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Theta_j D\Xi_2 \Xi_2^{-1} \Xi^{-1} x$$
$$= (\Xi_1^{-1} + \Xi_2^{-1}) \Xi^{-1} x$$
$$= x.$$

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $C, D, T \in GL^+(H)$ . Then  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of (C, C)controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  if and only if  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a  $(TC, DT^{-1})$ -controlled g-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

*Proof.* As  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (C, C)- controlled g-frame and  $T \in GL^+(H)$ , therefore,  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$  is also a (TC, TC)-controlled g-frame. If  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of (C, C)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$ , then  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a (D, D)-controlled g-Bessel sequence and there exists  $\Xi \in GL(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H, x = \sum_{j\in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D\Xi x$ . Thus,

$$x = TT^{-1}x = T\sum_{j\in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D\Xi(T^{-1}x) = \sum_{j\in J} TC\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j DT^{-1}(\Xi x).$$

Also, it can be readily seen that  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a  $(DT^{-1}, DT^{-1})$ -controlled g-Bessel sequence and hence  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a  $(TC, DT^{-1})$ -controlled g-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

Conversely, let  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  be a  $(TC, DT^{-1})$ -controlled *g*-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$ , where  $\Xi \in GL(H)$ . Then,  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  is a  $(DT^{-1}, DT^{-1})$ -controlled *g*-Bessel sequence and for any  $x \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= T^{-1}Tx \\ &= T^{-1}\sum_{j\in J}TC\Lambda_j^*\Gamma_jDT^{-1}\Xi Tx \\ &= \sum_{j\in J}C\Lambda_j^*\Gamma_jDT^{-1}\Xi Tx \\ &= \sum_{j\in J}C\Lambda_j^*\Gamma_jDKx, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K = T^{-1} \Xi T$  is invertible. It can be easily verified that  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (D, D)-controlled g-Bessel sequence and therefore  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

Next example illustrates the existence of  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  that satisfy the above conditions.

**Example 4.10.** Let  $H = \mathbf{R}^3$  and  $\{e_j\}_{j \in J}$  be an orthonormal basis of H. Let  $H_1 = span\{e_2, e_3\}$ ,  $H_2 = span\{e_1, e_3\}$  and  $H_3 = span\{e_1, e_2\}$ . For  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ , define  $\Lambda_j : H \to H_j$  as  $\Lambda_1 x = \langle x, e_2 \rangle e_3$ ;  $\Lambda_2 x = \langle x, e_3 \rangle e_1$ ;  $\Lambda_3 x = \langle x, e_1 \rangle e_2$ ; and  $C, D, T : H \to H$  as  $Cx = \frac{1}{2}\langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \frac{1}{3}\langle x, e_2 \rangle e_2 + \frac{1}{4}\langle x, e_3 \rangle e_3$ ,  $Dx = 2\langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1 + 3\langle x, e_2 \rangle e_2 + \frac{4}{5}\langle x, e_3 \rangle e_3$  and  $Tx = 5\langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1 + 6\langle x, e_2 \rangle e_2 + 4\langle x, e_3 \rangle e_3$ . Then  $C, D, T \in GL^+(H)$ . Also,  $\frac{1}{4} \|x\|^2 \leq \sum_{j \in J} \|\Lambda_j Cx\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2$  and  $\|x\|^2 \leq \sum_{j \in J} \|\Lambda_j TCx\|^2 \leq 5\|x\|^2$ . So,  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, C)-controlled g-frame and (TC, TC)-controlled g-frame. Take  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J} = \{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ , then  $\sum_{j \in J} \|\Gamma_j Dx\|^2 \leq 9\|x\|^2$  and  $\sum_{j \in J} \|\Gamma_j DT^{-1}x\|^2 \leq \|x\|^2$ . So,  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is both a (D, D)-controlled and  $(DT^{-1}, DT^{-1})$ -controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Thus,  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of (C, C)-controlled g-frame  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Also,  $x = \sum_{j \in J} TC\Lambda_j^*\Gamma_j DT^{-1}(\Xi x)$ . Therefore,  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a  $(TC, DT^{-1})$ -controlled g-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$ .

We conclude this paper by proving that (C, D)-controlled g-duality property of g-frames is preserved under invertible operators.

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $C, D, U, V \in GL^+(H)$ . Suppose that  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  are (C, C) and (D, D)-controlled g-frames for H with respect to  $\{H_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Then  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j \in J}$  if and only if  $\{\Gamma_j U\}_{j \in J}$  is a (C, D)-controlled g-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j V\}_{j \in J}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{\Gamma_j\}_{j\in J}$  be a (C, D)-controlled *g*-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j\}_{j\in J}$ , therefore there exists  $\Xi \in GL(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,  $x = \sum_{j\in J} C\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D\Xi x$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sum_{j \in J} VC\Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D \Xi V^{-1} x \\ &= \sum_{j \in J} C(\Lambda_j V)^* \Gamma_j U U^{-1} D \Xi V^{-1} x \\ &= \sum_{j \in J} C(\Lambda_j V)^* (\Gamma_j U) (U^{-1} D \Xi V^{-1}) x \\ &= \sum_{j \in J} C(\Lambda_j V)^* (\Gamma_j U) D \Xi_1 x, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Xi_1 = (U^{-1}\Xi V^{-1}) \in GL(H)$ .

Conversely, let  $\{\Gamma_j U\}_{j \in J}$  be a (C, D)-controlled *g*-dual of  $\{\Lambda_j V\}_{j \in J}$ . Then there exists  $\Xi \in GL(H)$  such that for all  $x \in H$ ,

$$x = \sum_{j \in J} C(\Lambda_j V)^* (\Gamma_j U) D\Xi x.$$

Thus,

$$x = V^{-1} \sum_{j \in J} C(\Lambda_j V)^* (\Gamma_j U) D \Xi V x$$
$$= \sum_{j \in J} C \Lambda_j^* \Gamma_j D U \Xi V x$$
$$= \sum_{j \in J} C \Lambda_j \Gamma_j D \Xi_2 x,$$

where  $\Xi_2 = U\Xi V \in GL(H)$ , which completes the proof.

## 5 Conclusion remarks

The study of g-duals has great significance in the area of frame theory. The aim of this paper is to obtain (C, D)-dual of a (C, C)-controlled g-frames which are the generalization of the dual of a g-frame. Also, some new properties of controlled g-frames and their g-duals have been discussed. Therefore, the results of this work can be a subject of future research work.

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