

## CONVERGENCE OF WEYL-HEISENBERG FRAME SERIES

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The concept of frames for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is a generalization of the concept of orthonormal bases. The Weyl-Heisenberg frames are a kind of important frames. It is generated by translations and modulations of a single function and is extensively used in time frequency analysis. Here we study the convergence of the Weyl-Heisenberg frame series.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of frames for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is first introduced by Duffin and Schaeffer in [5]. Weyl-Heisenberg frames are generated by translations and modulations of a single function. They form an important class of frames which are used extensively in time-frequency analysis.

It is well-known that  $\{e^{i2\pi mt}\chi_{[0,1]}(t-n)\}_{m,n\in\mathbb{Z}}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $\chi_{[0,1]}$  is the characteristic function of  $[0, 1]$ . Replacing  $\chi_{[0,1]}$  by a general function  $W$ ,  $m$  by  $m\omega_0$ , and  $n$  by  $nt_0$ , this leads to the concept of Weyl-Heisenberg frame with the modulation parameter  $\omega_0$ , the translation parameter  $t_0$ , and the mother function  $W$  (simply,  $W$ - $H$  frame).

The terminology,  $W$ - $H$  frame, comes from the representation of the Weyl-Heisenberg group [1]. It is also called Gabor frame since it is obtained by discretization of the Gabor transform in communication [4, 6].

$W$ - $H$  frames are studied by many authors. Ron and Shen [8] gave a complete characterization of the  $W$ - $H$  frames, Casazza and Christensen [2] gave an estimate of bounds of the  $W$ - $H$  frames. Any  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  can be expanded into  $W$ - $H$  frame series. In this paper, we will study the convergence of the  $W$ - $H$  frame series in detail. We will study the pointwise convergence of the Weyl-Heisenberg frame series and the uniform convergence of the compactly supported Weyl-Heisenberg frame series as well as their convergence rate.

## 2. PRELIMINARY

Throughout this paper,  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  expresses the inner product,  $\|\cdot\|$  expresses the norm in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , and

$$\{g_n\} = \{g_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}, \quad \{h_{m,n}\} = \{h_{m,n}\}_{m,n \in \mathbb{Z}},$$

$$\sum_n a_n = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n, \quad \sum_{m,n} b_{m,n} = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b_{m,n}.$$

We recall some known definitions and results.

*Definition 2.1* — [1, 2, 6]. Let  $\{\varphi_n\} \subset L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . If there exist two positive constants  $A, B$  such that

$$A \|f\|^2 \leq \sum_n |(f, \varphi_n)|^2 \leq B \|f\|^2 \quad \forall f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}),$$

then  $\{\varphi_n\}$  is called a frame of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  with bounds  $A$  and  $B$ .

*Definition 2.2* — [2, 6]. Let  $W \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\omega_0, t_0 > 0$ . Denote by  $W_{m,n}$  the family

$$W_{m,n}(t) := e^{im\omega_0 t} W(t - nt_0) \quad (m, n \in \mathbb{Z}). \quad (2.1)$$

If  $\{W_{m,n}\}$  is a frame for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\{W_{m,n}\}$  is called a Weyl-Heisenberg frame, simply,  $W$ - $H$  frame.

*Definition 2.3* — [2, 6]. Let  $\{W_{m,n}\}$  and  $\{\widetilde{W}_{m,n}\}$  be two  $W$ - $H$  frames. If, for any  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$f = \sum_{m,n} (f, W_{m,n}) W_{m,n} \quad (L^2) \quad \text{and} \quad f = \sum_{m,n} (f, \widetilde{W}_{m,n}) \widetilde{W}_{m,n} \quad (L^2),$$

then  $\{W_{m,n}, \widetilde{W}_{m,n}\}$  is called a pair of dual  $W$ - $H$  frames.

The series  $\sum_{m,n} (f, W_{m,n}) W_{m,n}(t)$  and  $\sum_{m,n} (f, \widetilde{W}_{m,n}) \widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t)$  are both called the  $W$ - $H$  frame series of  $f$ . By symmetry, we only study the convergence of the series  $\sum_{m,n} (f, W_{m,n}) W_{m,n}(t)$  in this paper.

For a compactly supported  $W$ - $H$  frame, its canonical dual  $W$ - $H$  frame is constructed as follows.

*Proposition 2.4* — [6] Suppose that  $W$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $[a, b]$  is a finite interval. Let

$$W(t) \neq 0 \quad (t \in (a, b)), \quad W(t) = 0 \quad (t \notin (a, b)) \text{ and } 0 < \omega_0 \leq \frac{2\pi}{b-a}, \quad 0 < t_0 < b-a \quad (2.2)$$

and let

$$\widetilde{W}(t) = \frac{1}{G(t)}W(t), \quad \text{where } G(t) = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} \sum_n |W(t - nt_0)|^2. \quad (2.3)$$

Then  $\{W_{m,n}, \widetilde{W}_{m,n}\}$  is a pair of dual  $W$ - $H$  frames.

*Proposition 2.5* — [3] Let  $f \in L(\mathbb{R})$ . If  $\sum_k f(x + 2k\pi)$  converges to a continuous function of bounded variation on  $[0, 2\pi]$ , then for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sum_k f(x + 2k\pi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_n \widehat{f}(n)e^{inx}$ , where  $\widehat{f}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t)e^{-it\omega} dt$  is the Fourier transform of  $f$ .

### 3. POINTWISE CONVERGENCE OF THE $W$ - $H$ FRAME SERIES

Let  $\{W_{m,n}, \widetilde{W}_{m,n}\}$  be a pair of dual  $W$ - $H$  frames. By Definition 2.2, for any  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , we have

$$f = \sum_{m,n} (f, W_{m,n}) \widetilde{W}_{m,n} \quad (L^2). \quad (3.1)$$

**Theorem 3.1** — Let  $\{W_{m,n}, \widetilde{W}_{m,n}\}$  be a pair of dual  $W$ - $H$  frames. Suppose that  $W$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $\mathbb{R}$  and there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$|W(t)|, \quad |\widetilde{W}(t)| \leq C \left( \frac{1}{(1+|t|)^\alpha} \right) \quad \text{for some } \alpha > 1. \quad (3.2)$$

If  $f \in L(\mathbb{R})$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f(t) = \sum_n \left( \sum_m (f, W_{m,n}) \widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t) \right).$$

PROOF : First, we prove that for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the series  $\sum_m (f, W_{m,n}) \widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t)$  converges everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

By (2.1) and the definition of the Fourier transform, we have

$$(f, W_{m,n}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \overline{\widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t)} dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h_n(t) e^{-imt} dt = \widehat{h}_n(m),$$

where

$$h_n(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_0} f \left( \frac{t}{\omega_0} \right) \overline{W \left( \frac{t}{\omega_0} - nt_0 \right)}. \quad (3.3)$$

From this and (2.1), it follows that

$$(f, W_{m,n})\widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t) = \widehat{h}_n(m)e^{im\omega_0 t}\widetilde{W}(t - nt_0). \quad (3.4)$$

Now, we discuss the pointwise convergence of the series  $\sum_m \widehat{h}_n(m)e^{im\omega_0 t}$ .

By the assumption and (3.3), we have  $h_n \in L(\mathbb{R})$ . Furthermore,  $\int_0^{2\pi} (\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |h_n(t + 2k\pi)|) dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h_n(t)| dt < \infty$ . So, for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the series  $\sum_k |h_n(t + 2k\pi)|$  converges almost everywhere on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . Take a point  $t_0 \in [0, 2\pi]$  such that  $\sum_k |h_n(t_0 + 2k\pi)|$  converges. Arbitrarily take  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ . We have

$$\sum_{|k| \geq N} |h_n(t + 2k\pi)| \leq \sum_{|k| \geq N} |h_n(t_0 + 2k\pi)| + \sum_{|k| \geq N} |h_n(t + 2k\pi) - h_n(t_0 + 2k\pi)| =: I_N(t_0) + J_N(t),$$

where  $I_N(t_0) \rightarrow 0$ . By the assumption and (3.3), we know that  $h_n$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $\mathbb{R}$ . For any  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $J_N(t)$  is not large than the total variation of  $h_n$  on  $[2N\pi, \infty)$ . So we obtain that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} J_N(t) = 0$  uniformly on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . Therefore,  $\sum_k h_n(t + 2k\pi)$  uniformly converges on  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

Denote  $H_n(t) = \sum_k h_n(t + 2k\pi)$ . We see that  $H_n$  is a  $2\pi$ -periodic continuous function and is of bounded variation on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . By Proposition 2.5, we obtain that for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$H_n(\omega_0 t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_m \widehat{h}_n(m)e^{im\omega_0 t}.$$

Again, by (3.4), for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we know that the series  $\sum_m (f, W_{m,n})\widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t)$  is convergent on  $\mathbb{R}$  and

$$P_n(t) := \sum_m (f, W_{m,n})\widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t) = \widetilde{W}(t - nt_0) \sum_m \widehat{h}_n(m)e^{im\omega_0 t} = 2\pi H_n(\omega_0 t)\widetilde{W}(t - nt_0) \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}). \quad (3.5)$$

Next, we prove that  $\sum_n P_n(t)$  converges on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

By (3.3), we have

$$H_n(\omega_0 t) = \sum_k h_n(\omega_0 t + 2k\pi) = \frac{1}{\omega_0} \sum_k f\left(t + \frac{2k\pi}{\omega_0}\right) \overline{W(t - nt_0 + \frac{2k\pi}{\omega_0})}.$$

From this and (3.5), we have

$$\sum_n |P_n(t)| = \sum_n 2\pi |H_n(\omega_0 t)\widetilde{W}(t - nt_0)| \leq \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} \sum_k \beta(k, t) \left| f\left(t + \frac{2k\pi}{\omega_0}\right) \right|, \quad (3.6)$$

where  $\beta(k, t) = \sum_n |W(t - nt_0 + \frac{2k\pi}{\omega_0})\widetilde{W}(t - nt_0)|$ .

By (3.2), we obtain that for some  $\alpha > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(k, t) &\leq C^2 \left( \sum_{|t-nt_0| \geq \frac{|k|\pi}{\omega_0}} + \sum_{|t-nt_0| < \frac{|k|\pi}{\omega_0}} \right) \frac{1}{(1+|t-nt_0+\frac{2k\pi}{\omega_0}|)^\alpha (1+|t-nt_0|)^\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{C^2}{(1+\frac{|k|\pi}{\omega_0})^\alpha} \left( \sum_n \frac{1}{(1+|t-nt_0+\frac{2k\pi}{\omega_0}|)^\alpha} + \sum_n \frac{1}{(1+|t-nt_0|)^\alpha} \right) = O\left(\frac{1}{(1+|k|)^\alpha}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Again, since  $f(t)$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ , by (3.6),  $\sum_n P_n(t)$  converges everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Denote its sum by  $g(t)$ , i.e.,

$$g(t) = \sum_n \left( \sum_m (f, W_{m,n}) \widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t) \right) \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}). \quad (3.7)$$

Finally, we will prove  $g(t) = f(t)$  ( $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ).

Since  $f \in L(\mathbb{R})$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ , we see that  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Again, by (3.1), we have

$$f = \sum_n \left( \sum_m (f, W_{m,n}) \widetilde{W}_{m,n} \right) \quad (L^2). \quad (3.8)$$

The Riesz theorem [9] shows that if a sequence of functions both converges in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and converges almost everywhere in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then their limiting functions are identical. Hence, by (3.7) and (3.8),  $f(t) = g(t)$  ( $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Theorem 3.1 is proved.  $\square$

#### 4. UNIFORM CONVERGENCE OF THE COMPACTLY SUPPORTED W-H FRAME SERIES

**Theorem 4.1** — Let  $\{W_{m,n}, \widetilde{W}_{m,n}\}$  be a pair of compactly supported dual W-H frames satisfying (2.2) and (2.3), and let  $W$  be continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is bounded continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then for any  $l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , when  $N > \frac{1}{t_0}(l + |a| + |b|)$  and  $M \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , the partial sums

$$S_{M,N}(t) := \sum_{|n| \leq N} \sum_{|m| \leq M} (f, W_{m,n}) \widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t). \quad (4.1)$$

of the W-H frame series (3.1) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} S_{M,N}(f; t) - f(t) &= O\left(\frac{\|W\|_\infty}{m^* t_0 \omega_0}\right) \left( \|W\|_\infty \omega(f; \frac{1}{\omega_0 M}) + \|f\|_\infty \omega(W; \frac{1}{\omega_0 M}) \right) \log M \\ &\quad (|t| \leq l), \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

where  $\omega(g; \delta) = \sup_{|t_1-t_2|\leq\delta} |g(t_1) - g(t_2)|$  is the modulus of continuity and

$$m^* = \min_{|t-\frac{a+b}{2}|\leq\frac{t_0}{2}} |W(t)|^2, \quad \|g\|_\infty = \max_{t\in\mathbb{R}} |g(t)|.$$

In this section, the bounds in terms “ $O$ ” are absolute constants.

PROOF : Since  $W(t) = 0$  ( $\omega \notin (a, b)$ ) and  $W(t)$  is a continuous function, we see that there are only finitely many nonzero terms in the series of (2.3) and  $G(t)$  is a  $t_0$ -periodic continuous function. From this and (2.3), it follows that

$$\min_{t\in\mathbb{R}} G(t) = \min_{|t-\frac{a+b}{2}|\leq\frac{t_0}{2}} G(t) \geq \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} \min_{|t-\frac{a+b}{2}|\leq\frac{t_0}{2}} |W(t)|^2 = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} m^* > 0. \quad (4.3)$$

By (2.1) and (2.3), we have  $\widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t) = \frac{1}{G(t)} W_{m,n}(t)$ . Again, by (4.1) and (2.1), we obtain that for any  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$G(t)S_{M,N}(f; t) = \sum_{|n|\leq N} \sum_{|m|\leq M} (f, W_{m,n}) W_{m,n}(t) = \sum_{|n|\leq N} J_{M,n}(t) W(t - nt_0), \quad (4.4)$$

where  $J_{M,n}(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) \overline{W(s - nt_0)} D_M(\omega_0(t - s)) ds$  and  $D_M(u) = \sum_{|m|\leq M} e^{imu}$ .

By (2.2), we have

$$J_{M,n}(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_0} \int_{(a+nt_0)\omega_0}^{(a+nt_0)\omega_0+2\pi} F_n(s) D_M(\omega_0 t - s) ds \quad \text{and} \quad F_n(s) = f\left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right) \overline{W\left(\frac{s}{\omega_0} - nt_0\right)}. \quad (4.5)$$

Since  $F_n(s) = 0$  ( $s \notin ((a + nt_0)\omega_0, (a + nt_0)\omega_0 + 2\pi)$ ), we can extend  $F_n(s)$  to a periodic continuous function  $F_n^*(s)$  with period  $2\pi$ , i.e.,

$$F_n^*(s + 2k\pi) = F_n^*(s) \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{and} \quad F_n^*(s) = F_n(s) \quad ((a + nt_0)\omega_0 \leq s \leq (a + nt_0)\omega_0 + 2\pi). \quad (4.6)$$

Again noticing that  $D_M(u)$  is an even periodic function with period  $2\pi$ , we have

$$J_{M,n}(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_0} \int_0^{2\pi} F_n^*(s) D_M(s - \omega_0 t) ds. \quad (4.7)$$

On the other hand, since  $F_n^*$  is a continuous function with period  $2\pi$ , by a known result [7, 10], we know that the partial sums of the Fourier series of  $F_n^*$ ,

$$s_M(F_n^*, \omega_0 t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} F_n^*(s) D_M(s - \omega_0 t) dt \quad \text{and} \quad s_M(F_n^*, \omega_0 t) - F_n^*(\omega_0 t)$$

$$= O\left(\omega\left(F_n^*, \frac{1}{M}\right)\right) \log M.$$

By (4.7), we have

$$J_{M,n}(t) = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} s_M(F_n^*; \omega_0 t) \quad \text{and} \quad J_{M,n}(t) = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} F_n^*(\omega_0 t) + O\left(\frac{1}{\omega_0}\right) \omega\left(F_n^*; \frac{1}{M}\right) \log M. \quad (4.8)$$

By (4.5), (4.6), and the properties of the modulus of continuity, we get

$$\omega(F_n^*; \delta) \leq 2\omega\left(f; \frac{\delta}{\omega_0}\right) \|W\|_\infty + 2\omega\left(W; \frac{\delta}{\omega_0}\right) \|f\|_\infty =: p_f(\delta), \quad \text{and} \quad (4.9)$$

$$F_n^*(\omega_0 t) = F_n(\omega_0 t) = f(t) \overline{W(t - nt_0)}, \quad t \in \left(a + nt_0, a + nt_0 + \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}\right).$$

Again, by (4.8) and (4.9), we obtain that for  $t \in \left(a + nt_0, a + nt_0 + \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}\right)$ ,

$$J_{M,n}(t)W(t - nt_0) = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} f(t)|W(t - nt_0)|^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{\omega_0}\right) \|W\|_\infty p_f\left(\frac{1}{M}\right) \log M. \quad (4.10)$$

For  $t \notin \left(a + nt_0, a + nt_0 + \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}\right)$ , by (2.2), we have  $W(t - nt_0) = 0$ . So (4.10) still holds.

By (2.2), the sum  $\sum_n J_{M,n}(t)W(t - nt_0)$  has only  $\left[\frac{b-a}{t_0}\right] + 1$  nonzero terms and  $\left[\frac{b-a}{t_0}\right] + 1 \leq \frac{2(b-a)}{t_0} \leq \frac{4\pi}{t_0\omega_0}$ . Therefore, by (4.4) and (4.10), we get

$$G(t)S_{M,N}(f; t) = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} f(t) \sum_{|n| \leq N} |W(t - nt_0)|^2 + O\left(\frac{\|W\|_\infty}{t_0\omega_0^2}\right) p_f\left(\frac{1}{M}\right) \log M \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}). \quad (4.11)$$

Arbitrarily take  $l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Denote  $N^* = \left\lceil \frac{l + |a| + |b|}{t_0} \right\rceil$ . When  $|n| > N^*$ , we have  $W(t - nt_0) = 0$  ( $|t| \leq l$ ). From this and (2.3), we conclude that for  $N > N^*$  and  $|t| < l$ , the first term of the right-hand side of (4.11) is equal to  $G(t)f(t)$ . Again, by (4.3) and (4.9), we obtain finally (4.2). Theorem 4.1 is proved.  $\square$

Based on Theorem 4.1, we conclude from a known result of the Fourier series [10] that

**Theorem 4.2** — *Under the conditions of Theorem 4.1, if any one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

$$(i) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \left(\log \frac{1}{\delta}\right) \omega(f; \delta) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \left(\log \frac{1}{\delta}\right) \omega(W; \delta) = 0,$$

(ii)  $f$  and  $W$  are both continuous functions of bounded variation on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

then the W-H frame series  $\sum_{m,n} (f, W_{m,n}) \widetilde{W}_{m,n}(t)$  converges uniformly to  $f(t)$  on every compact set of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

PROOF : If (i) holds, using Theorem 4.1, we obtain the desired result.

Suppose that (ii) holds. Let  $F_n^*$  be stated as in (4.5) and (4.6). By the assumption, we see that  $F_n^*$  is a  $2\pi$ -periodic continuous function and is of bounded variation on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . By a known result [10], we see that the partial sums of the Fourier series of  $F_n^*$  satisfy

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} s_M(F_n^*; t) = F_n^*(t) \quad (4.13)$$

uniformly on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Using the argument of Theorem 4.1, we know that for any  $l > 0$ , there is a  $N^* > 0$ , which only depends on  $l$ , such that for any  $N > N^*$ ,

$$G(t)S_{M,N}(f; t) = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} \sum_{|n| \leq N} s_M(F_n^*; \omega_0 t)W(t - nt_0) =: I_M^{(1)}(t) + I_M^{(2)}(t) \quad (|t| \leq l),$$

where  $G$  is stated in (2.3) and

$$I_M^{(1)}(t) = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} \sum_{|n| \leq N} (s_M(F_n^*; \omega_0 t) - F_n^*(\omega_0 t))W(t - nt_0),$$

$$I_M^{(2)}(t) = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} \sum_{|n| \leq N} F_n^*(\omega_0 t)W(t - nt_0) = f(t)G(t).$$

From this and (4.13) and  $\min_{t \in \mathbb{R}} G(t) \geq \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} m^* > 0$ , we obtain the desired result. Theorem 4.2 is proved.  $\square$

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