# A CHARACTERIZATION OF WAVE PACKET FRAMES FOR $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ 

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#### Abstract

In this paper we present necessary and sufficient conditions with explicit frame bounds for a finite sum of wave packet frames to be a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. Further, we illustrate our results with some examples and applications.


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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The wave packet system is a system of functions generated by combined action of translation, dilation and modulation operators on $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. Cordoba and Fefferman in [6] introduced wave packet frames in the study of some classes of singular integral operators. Labate et al. [15] adopted the same expression to describe, more generally, any collection of functions which are obtained by applying the same operations to a finite family of functions in $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. Lacey and Thiele $[16,17]$ gave applications of wave packet systems in boundedness of the Hilbert transforms. The wave packet systems have been studied by several authors, see $[3,5,7,10,11,12,13,14,18,19,20]$.

In this paper we consider a system of the form

$$
\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}},
$$

where $\psi \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right),\left\{A_{j}\right\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset G L_{d}(\mathbb{R}), B \in G L_{d}(\mathbb{R})$ and $\left\{C_{m}\right\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$ and call it wave packet system in $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. A frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ of the form $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is called a wave packet frame. We present necessary and sufficient conditions for a finite sum of wave packet frames to be a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ in terms of scalars and frame bounds associated with the given finite sum of wave packet frames in $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. We conclude this paper with some examples and applications.
First we recall basic notations and definitions to make the paper self-contained. The characteristic function of a set $E$ is denoted by $\chi_{E}$. By $G L_{d}(\mathbb{R})$ we denote the set of all invertible $d \times d$ matrices over $\mathbb{R}$. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$ and $C$ be a real $d \times d$ matrix. We consider

[^0]bounded linear operators $T_{a}, E_{b} D_{C}: L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right) \rightarrow L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ given by
Translation by $a \leftrightarrow T_{a} f(t)=f(t-a)$,
Modulation by $b \leftrightarrow E_{b} f(t)=e^{2 \pi i b \cdot t} f(t), b \cdot t$ denotes the inner product of $b$ and $t$ in $\mathbb{R}^{d}$,
Dilation by $C \leftrightarrow D_{C} f(t)=|\operatorname{det} C|^{\frac{1}{2}} f(C t)$.
A countable sequence $\left\{f_{k}\right\} \subset \mathcal{H}$ in a separable real (or complex) Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ is called a frame (or Hilbert frame) for $\mathcal{H}$, if there exist numbers $0<a_{o} \leq b_{o}<\infty$ such that
$$
a_{o}\|f\|^{2} \leq\left\|\left\{\left\langle f, f_{k}\right\rangle\right\}\right\|_{\ell^{2}}^{2} \leq b_{o}\|f\|^{2} \text { for all } f \in \mathcal{H}
$$

The numbers $a_{o}$ and $b_{o}$ are called lower and upper frame bounds of the frame, respectively. Associated with a frame $\left\{f_{k}\right\}$ for $\mathcal{H}$, there are three bounded linear operators:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { synthesis operator } \quad V: \ell^{2} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}, \quad V\left(\left\{c_{k}\right\}\right)=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{k} f_{k}, \quad\left\{c_{k}\right\} \in \ell^{2}, \\
& \text { analysis operator } \quad V^{*}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \ell^{2}, \quad V^{*}(f)=\left\{\left\langle f, f_{k}\right\rangle\right\}, \quad f \in \mathcal{H} \\
& \text { frame operator } \quad S=V V^{*}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}, \quad S(f)=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left\langle f, f_{k}\right\rangle f_{k}, \quad f \in \mathcal{H}
\end{aligned}
$$

The frame operator $S$ is a positive, self-adjoint and invertible operator on $\mathcal{H}$. This gives the reconstruction formula for all $f \in \mathcal{H}$,

$$
f=S S^{-1} f=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left\langle S^{-1} f, f_{k}\right\rangle f_{k} \quad\left(=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left\langle f, S^{-1} f_{k}\right\rangle f_{k}\right)
$$

Thus, a frame allows every element in a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ to be written as a linear combination (need not be unique) of the frame elements. This reflects one of the important properties of frames in applied mathematics. For applications of frames in various directions in applied mathematics, see $[1,4,8,9]$.

The following inequality is known as Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz inequality, which can be found in [2] (p. 13).
Lemma 1.1. Let $x=\left(\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}, \ldots, \xi_{n}\right), y=\left(\eta_{1}, \eta_{2}, \ldots, \eta_{n}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$. Then,

$$
\left(\sum_{s=1}^{n} \xi_{i} \eta_{i}\right)^{2} \leq \sum_{s=1}^{n} \xi_{i}^{2} \sum_{s=1}^{n} \eta_{i}^{2}
$$

## 2. Finite Sum of Wave Packet Frames

Let $\left\{A_{j}\right\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset G L_{d}(\mathbb{R}), B \in G L_{d}(\mathbb{R}),\left\{C_{m}\right\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$ and let $\Lambda_{p}=\{1,2,3, \ldots, p\}$ be a finite subset of $\mathbb{N}$. For each $s \in \Lambda_{p}$, assume that $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left(\psi_{s} \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)\right)$ is a wave packet frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. We consider a system of finite sum of wave packet frames:

$$
\Psi_{p} \equiv\left\{\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}, \text { where } \alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{p} \text { are scalars. }
$$

The finite sum $\Psi_{p}$ is not a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$, in general.
It would be interesting to know the relation between frame bounds and scalars associated with the sum $\Psi_{p}$ such that the system $\Psi_{p}$ constitutes a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. In this direction, the following theorem provides a sufficient condition for $\Psi_{p}$ to be a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{\substack{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d} \\ s \in \Lambda_{p}}}$ be a finite family of wave packet frames for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ with frame bounds $a_{s}, b_{s}$ and let $\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{p}$ be any scalars. If

$$
\begin{equation*}
0<\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} a_{s}-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

then $\Psi_{p} \equiv\left\{\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ with frame bounds $\beta_{o}=\left(\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} a_{s}-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}}\right)$ and $\gamma_{o}=p \sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} b_{s}$.

Proof. By using Lemma 1.1 and upper frame inequality for each of the wave packet frame $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left(s \in \Lambda_{p}\right)$, we compute

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& \leq p \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\alpha_{1}\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{1}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}+p \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\alpha_{2}\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{2}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}+\ldots . . \\
& \quad+p \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\alpha_{p}\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{p}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& \leq p\left(\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} b_{s}\right)\|f\|^{2} \text { for all } f \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right) . \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

Therefore, upper frame condition for $\Psi_{p}$
is satisfied. For lower frame condition, we compute

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& =\sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left[\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}\right. \\
& \left.+\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p} \alpha_{s} \overline{\alpha_{t}}\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle \overline{\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{t}, f\right\rangle}\right] \\
& \geq \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left[\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}\right. \\
& \left.-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right|\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|\left|\overline{\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{t}, f\right\rangle}\right|\right] \\
& =\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& -\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{t}, f\right\rangle\right| \\
& \geq\left(\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} a_{s}-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}}\right)\|f\|^{2} \text { for all } f \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right) . \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

By (2) and (3), we conclude that $\Psi_{p}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$.
We now demonstrate by a concrete example that the condition given in Theorem 2.1 is sufficient but not necessary.

Example 2.1. Let $\Lambda_{2}=\{1,2\} \subset \mathbb{N}, E_{C_{m}}=I_{L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)}$ (the identity operator on $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ ) for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and let $A$ be any expansive $d \times d$ matrix (i.e., every eigenvalue $\zeta$ of $A$ satisfies $|\zeta|>1)$. Choose $A_{j}=A^{j}$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then, there exist $\psi \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ such that $\hat{\psi}=\chi_{E}$, where $E$ is a compact subset of $\mathbb{R}^{d}, \hat{\psi}$ is the Fourier transform of $\psi$ and $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}=\left\{D_{A^{j}} T_{B k} \psi\right\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ (see [9], p. 357). Thus, $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is a wave packet frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ with frame bounds $a_{o}=b_{o}=1$.

Choose $\alpha_{1}=\alpha_{2}=1$ and $\psi_{1}=\psi_{2}=\psi$. Then, $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ with bounds $a_{s}=1, b_{s}=1\left(s \in \Lambda_{2}\right)$. Hence the finite sum $\Psi_{2}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ with frame bounds $\beta_{o}=\gamma_{o}=2$.

To show that the inequality (1) does not holds, we compute

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{s=1}^{2}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} a_{s}-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{2}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}} & =\left|\alpha_{1}\right|^{2} a_{1}+\left|\alpha_{2}\right|^{2} a_{2}-\left|\alpha_{1} \alpha_{2}\right| \sqrt{b_{1} b_{2}}-\left|\alpha_{2} \alpha_{1}\right| \sqrt{b_{2} b_{1}} \\
& =1+1-1-1 \\
& =0
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence the condition (1) in Theorem 2.1 is not satisfied.

Next, we give necessary conditions for the finite sum $\Psi_{p}$ to be a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ in terms of frame bounds of frames associated with the sum $\Psi_{p}$ and frame bounds of $\Psi_{p}$.

Theorem 2.2. Let $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{\substack{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d} \\ s \in \Lambda_{p}}}$ be a finite family of wave packet frames for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ with bounds $a_{s}, b_{s}$ and let $\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{p}$ be any scalars. If $\Psi_{p} \equiv\left\{\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ with frame bounds $a_{o}, b_{o}$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} a_{s}-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}} \leq b_{o} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} b_{s}+\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}} \geq a_{o} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. We compute

$$
\begin{gathered}
a_{o}\|f\|^{2} \leq \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
=\sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left[\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}\right. \\
\left.+\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p} \alpha_{s} \overline{\alpha_{t}}\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle \overline{\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{t}, f\right\rangle}\right] \\
\quad \leq \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left[\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}\right. \\
\left.+\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right|\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|\left|\overline{\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi t, f\right\rangle}\right|\right] \\
=\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
+\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{t}, f\right\rangle\right| \\
\leq\left(\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} b_{s}+\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}}\right)\|f\|^{2} \text { for all } f \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right) .
\end{gathered}
$$

Therefore, $\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} b_{s}+\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}} \geq a_{o}$. The inequality (5) is proved. To prove the inequality (4), we compute

$$
\begin{aligned}
b_{o}\|f\|^{2} \geq & \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
= & \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left[\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}\right. \\
& \left.+\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p} \alpha_{s} \overline{\alpha_{t}}\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle \overline{\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{t}, f\right\rangle}\right] \\
\geq & \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left[\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}\right. \\
& \left.\quad-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right|\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|\left|\overline{\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{t}, f\right\rangle}\right|\right] \\
= & \sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& \quad-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{t}, f\right\rangle\right| \\
\geq & \left(\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} a_{s}-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}}\right)\|f\|^{2} \text { for all } f \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

This gives

$$
\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} a_{s}-\sum_{s, t=1, s \neq t}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s} \alpha_{t}\right| \sqrt{b_{s} b_{t}} \leq b_{o}
$$

The theorem is proved.
Remark 2.1. The conditions (4) and (5) in Theorem 2.2 gives a relative estimate of frame bounds of frames associated with the finite system $\Psi_{p}$.

The following theorem characterize the finite sum $\Psi_{p}$ of wave packet frames as a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$.
Theorem 2.3. Let $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{\substack{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d} \\ s \in \Lambda_{p}}}$ be a finite family of wave packet frames for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. Then, $\Psi_{p} \equiv\left\{\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ if and only if there exists $\mu>0$ and some $\nu \in \Lambda_{p}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in Z^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{\nu}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \leq \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $f \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ and for any finite scalars $\left\{\alpha_{s}\right\}_{s=1}^{p}$.

Proof. Assume first that $\Psi_{p}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ with frame bounds $a_{o}, b_{o}$. Then, for all $f \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f\|^{2} \leq \frac{1}{a_{o}} \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Choose $\mu=\frac{a_{o}}{b_{\nu}}>0$, where $b_{\nu}$ is an upper frame bound of the frame $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{\nu}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$. Then, by using (7), for all $f \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$, we have

$$
\mu \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{\nu}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \leq \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}
$$

For the reverse part, let $a_{s}, b_{s}$ be frame bounds of the frame $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ $(1 \leq s \leq p)$. Then, by using (6), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\mu a_{\nu}\|f\|^{2} & \leq \mu \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{\nu}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& \leq \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}, f \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right) . \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

By using Lemma 1.1 (choose $\xi_{s}=1$ and $\eta_{s}=\left|\alpha_{s}\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|,(1 \leq s \leq p)$ ), we compute

$$
\begin{align*}
& \quad \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& =\sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s}\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& \leq \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left[\sum_{s=1}^{p}\left|\alpha_{s}\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|\right]^{2} \\
& \leq p \sum_{s=1}^{p}\left(\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}\right) \\
& \leq\left(p \max _{1 \leq s \leq p}\left|\alpha_{s}\right|^{2} \sum_{s=1}^{p} b_{s}\right)\|f\|^{2}, f \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right) . \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

By (8) and (9), we conclude that $\Psi_{p}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. The theorem is proved.
Example 2.2. Let $\Lambda_{n}=\{1,2, \ldots, n\} \subset \mathbb{N}, E_{C_{m}}=I_{L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)}$ (the identity operator on $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ ) for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and let $A$ be any expansive $d \times d$ matrix (i.e., every eigenvalue $\zeta$ of $A$ satisfies $|\zeta|>1)$. Choose $A_{j}=A^{j}$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then, there exist $\psi \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ such that $\hat{\psi}=\chi_{E}$, where $E$ is a compact subset of $\mathbb{R}^{d}, \hat{\psi}$ is the Fourier transform of $\psi$ and $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}=\left\{D_{A^{j}} T_{B k} \psi\right\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ (see [9], p. 357). Thus, $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is a wave packet frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$
(i) Let $\psi_{s}=\psi$, for all $s \in \Lambda_{n}$.

Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{s=1}^{n} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s} & =\sum_{s=1}^{n} D_{A j} T_{B k} \psi_{s} \\
& =n D_{A^{j}} T_{B k} \psi .
\end{aligned}
$$

Now $\left\{D_{A^{j}} T_{B k} \psi\right\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$.
Therefore $\left\{\sum_{s=1}^{n} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$.
(ii) If $\psi_{s}=\psi$, for all $s=1,3, \ldots, n-1$ and $\psi_{s}=-\psi$ for $s=2,4, \ldots, n$. Then, for even positive integer n, we have $\sum_{s=1}^{n} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}=0$. Hence $\left\{\sum_{s=1}^{n} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is not a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$. However, for each $s \in \Lambda_{n},\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{n}\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$.
2.1. Application: The following example gives an application of Theorem 2.3.

Example 2.3. Let $\left\{D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi\right\}_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}$ be a wave packet frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$.
Choose $\psi_{s}=\psi, s \in \Lambda_{p}$ and $\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{p}$ be any scalars such that $\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} \neq 0$.
We compute

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} & =\sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& =\sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\left(\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s}\right) D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} \\
& =\left|\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s}\right|^{2} \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Choose $\mu=\left|\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s}\right|^{2}>0$. Then, for any $\nu \in \Lambda_{p}$ we have

$$
\mu \sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{\nu}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2}=\sum_{j, m \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\left|\left\langle\sum_{s=1}^{p} \alpha_{s} D_{A_{j}} T_{B k} E_{C_{m}} \psi_{s}, f\right\rangle\right|^{2} .
$$

Therefore, by Theorem 2.3, the finite sum $\Psi_{p}$ is a frame for $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$.
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