

# Some results on U-cross Gram matrices by using K-frames

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### Abstract

*U*-cross Gram matrices are produced by frames and Riesz bases. In this paper, we represent bounded operators as matrix operators using *K*-frames. We study the invertibility matrices respect to *K*-frames. Moreover, we apply the concept of *K*-Riesz bases in Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  to the concept of matrix induced by *U* with respect to *K*-Riesz bases.

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## 1 Introduction, notation and motivation

A unitary system is a set of unitary operators  $\mathcal{U}$  acting on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  which contains the identity operator I of  $B(\mathcal{H})$ . A Bessel generator for  $\mathcal{U}$  is a vector  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  with the property that  $\mathcal{U}x := \{Ux : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is Bessel sequence for  $\mathcal{H}$ . Many useful frames, which play an essential role in both theory and applications, can been considered as unitary systems, group-like unitary systems and atomic systems [16,18]. *K*-frames were recently introduced by Gavruta to study atomic systems with respect to a bounded operator  $K \in B(\mathcal{H})$ . It is a generalization of frame theory such that the lower bound is only satisfied for the elements in the range of K [17]. It is shown that an atomic system for K is a K-frame and vice versa. For this reason, K-frames are a useful mathematical tool to study the structure of unitary systems. Another purpose of this paper is to study Gram Matrices. The operator equation Uf = vwhere  $U \in B(\mathcal{H})$  does not have a smooth solution (i.e. have all derivatives continuous) in general. It can be rewritten of the form

$$Ax = b \tag{1.1}$$

where  $A_{i,j} = \langle Ue_i, e_j \rangle$  and  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an orthonormal basis of *H*. To solve linear systems (1.1) variational method can be applied for example [25]. Recently, frames, Riesz bases and

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*g*-frames are applied to obtain (1.1) [3,4,12]. In this paper, we apply *K*-frames to get (1.1) as atomic decompositions of elements in the range of *K* which may not be closed.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space and K an operator from  $\mathcal{H}$  to  $\mathcal{H}$ . A sequence  $F := {f_i}_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  is called a *K*-frame for  $\mathcal{H}$ , if there exist constants A, B > 0 such that

$$A \|K^* f\|^2 \le \sum_{i \in I} |\langle f, f_i \rangle|^2 \le B \|f\|^2, \quad (f \in \mathcal{H}).$$
(1.2)

Clearly if  $K = I_{\mathcal{H}}$ , then *F* is an ordinary frame. The constants *A* and *B* in (1.2) are called lower and upper bounds of *F*, respectively. We call *F* a *A*-tight *K*-frame if  $A ||K^*f||^2 = \sum_{i \in I} |\langle f, f_i \rangle|^2$  and a 1-tight *K*-frame as *Parseval K*-frame. A *K*-frame is called an *exact K*-frame, if by removing any element, the reminder sequence is not a *K*-frame.

Obviously, every *K*-frame is a Bessel sequence, hence similar to ordinary frames the *synthesis operator* can be defined as  $T_F : l^2 \to \mathcal{H}$ ;  $T_F(\{c_i\}_{i \in I}) = \sum_{i \in I} c_i f_i$ . It is a bounded operator and its adjoint which is called the *analysis operator* given by  $T_F^*(f) = \{\langle f, f_i \rangle\}_{i \in I}$ . Finally, the *frame operator* is given by  $S_F : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ ;  $S_F f = T_F T_F^* f = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i \rangle f_i$ . Many properties of ordinary frames do not hold for K-frames, for example, the frame operator of a K-frame is not invertible in general. It is worthwhile to mention that if *K* has close range then  $S_F$  from R(K) onto  $S_F(R(K))$  is an invertible operator [24]. In particular,

$$B^{-1}||f|| \le ||S_F^{-1}f|| \le A^{-1}||K^{\dagger}||^2 ||f||, \quad (f \in S_F(R(K))),$$
(1.3)

where  $K^{\dagger}$  is the pseudo-inverse of *K*.

Let  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a Bessel sequence. A Bessel sequence  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  is called a *K*-dual of  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  if

$$Kf = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, g_i \rangle \pi_{R(K)} f_i, \quad (f \in \mathcal{H}).$$
(1.4)

In [17], it was shown that for every *K*-frame of  $\mathcal{H}$  there exists at least a Bessel sequence  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$  which satisfies (1.4).

Let  $F = \{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a *K*-frame. The Bessel sequence  $\{K^*S_F^{-1}\pi_{S_F(R(K))}f_i\}_{i \in I}$  can be considered as *the canonical K-dual* of *F* [1]. For simplicity, the canonical *K*-dual is denoted by  $F^{\ddagger} = \{f_i^{\ddagger}\}_{i \in I}$ . In the sequel, we show that for each  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , the sequence  $\{\langle f, f_i^{\ddagger} \rangle\}_{i \in I}$  has minimal  $\ell^2$ -norm among all sequences representating Kf.

The next proposition is important in K-frame theory.

**Proposition 1.1** [14] Let  $L_1 \in B(\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H})$  and  $L_2 \in B(\mathcal{H}_2, \mathcal{H})$  be two bounded operators. *The following statements are equivalent:* 

(1)  $R(L_1) \subseteq R(L_2)$ .

(2) 
$$L_1L_1^* \leq \lambda^2 L_2L_2^*$$
 for some  $\lambda \geq 0$ 

(3) there exists a bounded operator  $X \in B(\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2)$  so that  $L_1 = L_2 X$ 

In this paper, we establish the notion of *K*-Riesz bases and show that, similar to ordinary frames, a *K*-Riesz basis has a unique *K*-dual. Also, try to state an operator as a matrix operator induced by *K*-frames and *K*-Riesz bases. More precisely, every *K*-frame is a Bessel sequence, and therefore we can induce matrix representations (3.1) for operators by *K*-frames. The inverse of such matrices are computed if they are exist. Moreover, we investigate sufficient conditions such that a matrix operator induced by *K*-frames is invertible. For more similar information see [5].

### 2 K-Riesz bases

In this section, we present K-Riesz sequences in  $\mathcal{H}$  and investigate their properties. Also, we state K-Riesz bases and give some characterizations of this concept such as we prove that they are a unique K-dual. Throughout this paper we suppose K is a bounded operator with closed range.

**Definition 2.1** A family  $F := \{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is called a *K*-*Riesz sequence* for  $\mathcal{H}$  if there exists an injective bounded operator  $U : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\{\pi_{R(K)}f_i\}_{i \in I} = \{Ue_i\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ . In addition, if *F* is a *K*-frame, then  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is called a *K*-*Riesz basis*.

The next theorem, which used frequently throughout the paper, gives an equivalent condition for *K*-Riesz sequences.

**Theorem 2.2** For a *K*-frame  $F = \{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a K-Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- (2) There exist constants A, B > 0 such that for every finite scalar sequence  $\{c_i\}_{i \in I}$ ,

$$A\sum_{i\in I} |c_i|^2 \le \left\|\sum_{i\in I} c_i \pi_{R(K)} f_i\right\|^2 \le B\sum_{i\in I} |c_i|^2.$$
(2.1)

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a *K*-Riesz sequence. Then there exists an injective bounded operator  $U : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  such that  $Ue_i = \pi_{R(K)} f_i$ . Moreover, applying the lower *K*-frame condition and Theorem 1.1 we have

$$R(U) = \pi_{R(K)}\pi_{R(T_F)}\mathcal{H}$$
$$= \pi_{R(T_F)}\pi_{R(K)}\mathcal{H}$$
$$= \pi_{R(K)}\mathcal{H} = R(K).$$

In particular, R(U) is closed, and so U has a bounded left inverse denoted by L. Hence,

$$\left\|\sum_{i\in I} c_i \pi_{R(K)} f_i\right\|^2 = \left\|\sum_{i\in I} c_i U e_i\right\|^2 \le \|U\|^2 \sum_{i\in I} |c_i|^2$$

and

$$\sum_{i \in I} |c_i|^2 = \left\| LU \sum_{i \in I} c_i e_i \right\|^2 \le \|L\|^2 \left\| \sum_{i \in I} c_i \pi_{R(K)} f_i \right\|^2,$$

for every finite scalar sequence  $\{c_i\}_{i \in I}$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$  Given

$$U: \mathcal{H} \to \overline{span} \left\{ \pi_{R(K)} f_i \right\}_{i \in I}, (e_i \mapsto \pi_{R(K)} f_i).$$

Then (2.1) yields

$$A \sum_{i \in I} |c_i|^2 = \left\| \sum_{i \in I} c_i \pi_{R(K)} f_i \right\|^2$$
$$= \left\| U \sum_{i \in I} c_i e_i \right\|^2 \le B \sum_{i \in I} |c_i|^2.$$

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So, U is bounded and injective.

The next corollary gives equivalent conditions for a Bessel sequence being a K-Riesz basis.

**Corollary 2.3** Let  $F = \{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a Bessel sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$ . The following are equivalent:

- (1) F is a K-Riesz basis.
- (2) F is a K-frame and

$$A\sum_{i\in I} |c_i|^2 \le \left\| \sum_{i\in I} c_i \pi_{R(K)} f_i \right\|^2 \le B\sum_{i\in I} |c_i|^2.$$

(3)  $\pi_{R(K)}T_F$  is invertible from  $\ell^2$  onto R(K).

An overcomplete or redundant *K*-frame is a *K*-frame  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is not a *K*-Riesz basis. In other word, a *K*\*-frame  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is redundant, if there exist coefficients  $\{c_i\}_{i \in I} \in \ell^2 \setminus \{0\}$  for which  $\sum_{i \in I} c_i \pi_{R(K)} f_i = 0$ . In fact, a *K*-frame  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a *K*-Riesz basis if the elements of  $\{\pi_{R(K)} f_i\}_{i \in I}$  are independent.

**Proposition 2.4** Let  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a Bessel sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$ . The following are equivalent:

- (1)  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is K-Riesz sequence for  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- (2)  $\{\pi_{R(K)} f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a Riesz sequence.
- (3)  $\{\pi_{R(K)}f_i\}_{i\in I}$  is  $\omega$ -independent.

Moreover, let  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a K-frame. Then  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a K-Riesz basis if and only if  $\{\pi_{R(K)}, f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is  $\omega$ -independent.

The relationship between *K*-Riesz bases and exact  $K^*$ -frames is discussed on the following proposition, see Theorem 3.3.2 of [11] for the ordinary case.

**Proposition 2.5** Let  $F = \{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a *K*-frame in  $\mathcal{H}$ . The following are equivalent.

- (1) F is a K-Riesz basis.
- (2) F has a unique K-dual in H.

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Assume that *F* is a *K*-Riesz basis of the form of  $\{Ue_i\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $U \in B(\mathcal{H})$  is injective. If  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$  and  $\{h_i\}_{i \in I}$  are *K*-dual of *F*, then

$$U \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, g_i \rangle e_i = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, g_i \rangle Ue_i$$
  
=  $\sum_{i \in I} \langle f, g_i \rangle \pi_{R(K)} f_i$   
=  $Kf$   
=  $\sum_{i \in I} \langle f, h_i \rangle \pi_{R(K)} f_i$   
=  $\sum_{i \in I} \langle f, h_i \rangle Ue_i = U \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, h_i \rangle e_i$ 

for every  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ . The injectivity U induces that  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I} = \{h_i\}_{i \in I}$ . (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Assume that F has a unique K-dual in  $\mathcal{H}$ . On the contrary, suppose that F is not a K-Riesz basis. Using Proposition 2.4 follows that  $\{\pi_{R(K)}f_i\}$  is not a Riesz basis, or equivalently,  $\pi_{R(K)}T_F$  is not injective. Choose  $0 \neq \{c_i\}_{i \in I} \in I^2$  such that

$$\pi_{R(K)}T_F\{c_i\}_{i\in I} = 0.$$
(2.2)

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Defining the sequence  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  weakly by

$$\langle f, g_i \rangle = \langle f, f_i^{\ddagger} \rangle + c_i, \quad (i \in I, f \in \mathcal{H}).$$
 (2.3)

Then  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a Bessel sequence. Moreover, applying (2.2) and (2.3) we obtain

$$\sum_{i \in I} \langle f, g_i \rangle \pi_{R(K)} f_i = \sum_{i \in I} \left( \langle f, f_i^{\ddagger} \rangle + c_i \right) \pi_{R(K)} f_i$$
$$= \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i^{\ddagger} \rangle \pi_{R(K)} f_i + \pi_{R(K)} T_F \{c_i\}_{i \in I} = K f_i$$

Hence,  $\{g_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a *K*-dual of *F* and so  $g_i = f_i^{\ddagger}$ , for all  $i \in I$  by the assumption. This easily follows that  $\{c_i\} = 0$  which is impossible.

The question that may involve is that the relationship between Riesz bases and K-Riesz bases.

**Corollary 2.6** Let  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a Bessel sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a Riesz basis, then  $\{Kf_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a K-Riesz basis in  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $\{Kf_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a Riesz basis, then  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a K-Riesz sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

#### 3 U-Gram matrix with respect to K-frames

The standard matrix description of an operator U, using an orthonormal basis  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$ , is the matrix M defined by

$$(Mc)_j = \sum_k M_{jk} c_k, \quad (c = \{c_k\}_k \in \ell^2),$$

where  $M_{jk} = \langle Ue_k, e_j \rangle$ . The same can be constructed with frames and their duals. More precisely, assume that  $\Phi = \{\phi_i\}_{i \in I}$  and  $\Psi = \{\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$  are a pair of dual frames and Uf = v is an operator equation, then

$$\sum_{j} \langle U\psi_{j}, \phi_{i} \rangle \langle f, \phi_{j} \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{j} \langle f, \phi_{j} \rangle \psi_{j}, U^{*}\phi_{i} \right\rangle$$
$$= \langle Uf, \phi_{i} \rangle = \langle v, \phi_{i} \rangle.$$

Thus, the operator equation can be reduced to the linear system

$$\left(\left\langle U\psi_j,\phi_i\right\rangle\right)_{i,j}\left(\left\langle f,\phi_j\right\rangle\right)=\left(\left\langle v,\phi_i\right\rangle\right).$$

We say that  $((U\psi_j, \phi_i))_{i,j}$  is the matrix representation of U by using dual pairs  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ . In [22], it is shown that operators can be described as the form of matrices by using fusion frames.

In this section, we represent an operator in  $B(\mathcal{H})$  as the form of a matrix in the base of *K*-frames. Also, we investigate its inverse if there exists.

**Definition 3.1** Let  $\Psi = \{\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a Bessel sequence in  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\Phi = \{\phi_i\}_{i \in I}$  a Bessel sequence in  $\mathcal{H}_2$ . For  $U \in B(\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2)$ , the matrix induced by operator U with respect to the Bessel sequences  $\Phi = \{\phi_i\}_{i \in I}$  and  $\Psi = \{\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$ , denoted by  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi}$ , is given by

$$\left(\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi}\right)_{i,j} = \left\langle U\psi_j, \phi_i \right\rangle, \quad (i,j \in I),$$
(3.1)

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for more details see [4]. It is straightforward to see that

$$\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi} = T_{\Phi}^* U T_{\Psi}. \tag{3.2}$$

Because of the operator representation (3.2), we call  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi}$  the *U*-cross Gram matrix of  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ , respectively. In other word,  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi}$  is a bounded operator on  $\ell^2$  with  $\|\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi}\| \leq \sqrt{B_{\Phi}B_{\Psi}}\|U\|$  and  $(\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi})^* = \mathbf{G}_{U^*,\Psi,\Phi}$ . If  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{H}_2$  and  $U = I_{\mathcal{H}_1}$  it is called the *cross Gram matrix* and denoted by  $\mathbf{G}_{\Phi,\Psi}$ . We use  $\mathbf{G}_{\Psi}$  for  $\mathbf{G}_{\Psi,\Psi}$ ; the so called the *Gram matrix* [11].

An operator  $U \in B(\mathcal{H})$  has a *K*-right inverse (*K*-left inverse) if there exists an operator  $\mathcal{R} \in B(\mathcal{H})$  (resp.  $\mathcal{L} \in B(\mathcal{H})$ ), so that

$$U\mathcal{R} = K$$
,  $(resp. \mathcal{L}U = K)$ ,

for  $K \in B(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{L}$ , then  $\mathcal{R}$  is the *K*-inverse of *U*.

**Example 3.2** Let  $K \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\Phi = \{\phi_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a K-frame in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then

(1)  $\mathbf{G}_{S_{\Phi}(K^{\dagger})^{*}, \Phi, \Phi^{\ddagger}} = \mathbf{G}_{\Phi}$ , when *K* is a closed range operator in  $B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\Phi \subseteq S_{\Phi}(R(K))$ . Indeed, since  $R(S_{\Phi}^{-1}) \subseteq R(K)$  on  $S_{\Phi}(R(K))$  and  $KK^{\dagger} = I|_{R(K)}$  we have

$$\mathbf{G}_{S_{\Phi}(K^{\dagger})^{*},\Phi,\Phi^{\ddagger}} = T_{\Phi}^{*}S_{\Phi}(K^{\dagger})^{*}T_{\Phi^{\ddagger}}$$
$$= T_{\Phi}^{*}T_{S_{\Phi}(K^{\dagger})^{*}K^{*}S_{\Phi}^{-1}\pi_{S_{\Phi}(R(K))}\Phi}$$
$$= T_{\Phi}^{*}T_{\Phi} = \mathbf{G}_{\Phi}.$$

(2) If  $R(U) \subseteq R(K)$  and  $\mathbf{G}_{\left(S_{\Phi}^{-1}\right)^{*}U\pi_{R(K)},\Phi,\Phi} = I_{\ell^{2}}$ , then *U* is *K*-right invertible. According to the fact that  $\Phi^{\ddagger}$  is a *K*-dual of  $\Phi$ , we have

$$K = \pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} T_{\Phi^{\ddagger}}^{*}$$
  
=  $\pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} \mathbf{G}_{\left(S_{\Phi}^{-1}\right)^{*} U \pi_{R(K)}, \Phi, \Phi} T_{\Phi^{\ddagger}}^{*}$   
=  $\pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} T_{\Phi}^{*} \left(S_{\Phi}^{-1}\right)^{*} U \pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} T_{\Phi^{\ddagger}}^{*}$   
=  $\pi_{R(K)} S_{\Phi} \left(S_{\Phi}^{-1}\right)^{*} U K$   
=  $\pi_{R(K)} U K = U K.$ 

In the following we state a sufficient condition such that  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Phi^{\ddagger}} = I_{\ell^2}$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $U, K \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $R(U) \subseteq R(K)$ . If  $\Phi$  is a K-frame such that  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Phi^{\ddagger}} = I_{\ell^2}$ , then  $UK^*$  is a biorthogonal projection on R(K). The converse is true if  $\Phi$  is a K-Riesz basis.

**Proof** Using the duality formula we have

$$T_{\Phi^{\ddagger}}T_{\Phi}^{*}\pi_{R(K)}=K^{*}.$$

Then

$$S_{\Phi}\pi_{R(K)} = T_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^{*}\pi_{R(K)}$$
  
=  $T_{\Phi}\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Phi^{\ddagger}}T_{\Phi}^{*}\pi_{R(K)}$   
=  $T_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^{*}UT_{\Phi^{\ddagger}}T_{\Phi}^{*}\pi_{R(K)} = S_{\Phi}UK^{*}.$ 

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Applying  $R(U) \subseteq R(K)$  implies that  $S_{\Phi}$  is an invertible on R(U) and then  $UK^* = \pi_{R(K)}$ . Conversely, it is easy to see that

$$\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Phi^{\ddagger}} T_{\Phi}^* \pi_{R(K)} = T_{\Phi}^* U T_{\Phi^{\ddagger}} T_{\Phi}^* \pi_{R(K)}$$
$$= T_{\Phi}^* U K^* = T_{\Phi}^* \pi_{R(K)}.$$

So,  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Phi^{\ddagger}} = I_{\ell^2}$  if  $T_{\Phi}^* \pi_{R(K)}$  is invertible and so by Proposition 2.3 if  $\Phi$  is a *K*-Riesz basis.

It is worthwhile to mention that from the one sided invertibility of Gram matrix induced by  $K \in B(\mathcal{H})$  with respect to Bessel sequences  $\Psi$  and  $\Phi$ , respectively, it follows that the Bessel sequences  $K\Psi$  and  $K^*\Phi$  are *K*-Riesz sequence and  $K^*$ -Riesz sequence, respectively.

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $\Psi = \{\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a Bessel sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

If G<sub>K,Φ,Ψ</sub> has a left inverse, then KΨ is a K-Riesz sequence in H.
 If G<sub>K,Φ,Ψ</sub> has a right inverse, then K\*Φ is a K\*-Riesz sequence in H.

**Proof** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a left inverse of  $\mathbf{G}_{K,\Phi,\Psi}$ . Then

$$I_{\ell^2} = \mathcal{L}\mathbf{G}_{K,\Phi,\Psi}$$
  
=  $\mathcal{L}T_{\Phi}^*KT_{\Psi} = \mathcal{L}T_{\Phi}^*T_{K\Psi}.$ 

The above computations show that  $T_{K\Psi}$  has a left inverse and so  $T_{K\Psi}$  is an injective operator. Hence, by applying Lemma 2.4.1 of [11] there exists A > 0 such that

$$A\sum_{i\in I}|c_i|^2 \le \left\|\sum_{i\in I}c_iK\psi_i\right\|^2 = \left\|\sum_{i\in I}c_i\pi_{R(K)}K\psi_i\right\|^2$$

Therefore,  $K\Psi$  is a K-Riesz sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$  by Theorem 2.2.

The proof of (2) is similar.

Now, we study several K-duals of a K-frame by its Gram matrix.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $\Phi = {\phi_i}_{i \in I}$  be a *K*-frame in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then  $\mathbf{G}_{\Phi} = I_{\ell^2}$  on  $R(T_{\Phi}^*K)$  if and only if  $S_{\Phi} = I_{\mathcal{H}}$  on R(K). In this case  $\phi_i^{\ddagger} = K^* \pi_{R(K)} \phi_i$ , for all  $i \in I$ .

**Proof** We first claim that  $\mathbf{G}_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^*K = T_{\Phi}^*K$  if and only if  $S_{\Phi}K = K$ . Assume that  $\mathbf{G}_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^*K = T_{\Phi}^*K$ . Then

$$S_{\Phi}S_{\Phi}K = T_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^{*}T_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^{*}K$$
$$= T_{\Phi}G_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^{*}K$$
$$= T_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^{*}K = S_{\Phi}K.$$

The invertibility  $S_{\Phi}$  on R(K) implies that  $S_{\Phi}K = K$ . For the reverse,

$$\mathbf{G}_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^*K = T_{\Phi}^*T_{\Phi}T_{\Phi}^*K = T_{\Phi}^*S_{\Phi}K = T_{\Phi}^*K.$$

Moreover,

$$\phi_i^{\ddagger} = K^* S_{\Phi}^{-1} \pi_{S_{\Phi}(R(K))} \phi_i$$
  
=  $K^* S_{\Phi} S_{\Phi}^{-1} \pi_{S_{\Phi}R(K)} \phi_i$   
=  $K^* \pi_{S_{\Phi}R(K)} \phi_i = K^* \pi_{R(K)} \phi_i$ ,

for all  $i \in I$ . It completes the proof.

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We are going to construct several K-duals for some Bessel sequences in which their Gram matrices are invertible from the left or from the right.

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $\Phi = {\phi_i}_{i \in I}$  and  $\Psi = {\psi_i}_{i \in I}$  be a K-frame and a Bessel sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$ , respectively. Also,  $U \in B(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi}$  has a right inverse as  $\mathcal{R}$ . Then

- (1)  $\left\{S_{\Phi}^{-1}\pi_{S_{\Phi}(R(K))}\phi_{i}\right\}_{i\in I}$  is a K-frame. Moreover,  $\left\{K^{*}T_{\Phi}\mathcal{R}^{*}T_{\Psi}^{*}U^{*}\phi_{i}\right\}_{i\in I}$  is a K-dual of  $\left\{S_{\Phi}^{-1}\pi_{S_{\Phi}(R(K))}\phi_{i}\right\}_{i\in I}.$ (2) for every K-dual  $\Phi^{d} = \left\{\phi_{i}^{d}\right\}_{i\in I}$ , the K\*-frame  $\left\{T_{\Phi^{d}}\mathcal{R}^{*}T_{\Psi}^{*}U^{*}\phi_{i}\right\}_{i\in I}$  is a K-dual of  $\Phi$ .

**Proof** Notice that  $S_{\Phi}^{-1}S_{\Phi} = I$  on R(K). So, for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ , we obtain (1)

$$\begin{split} Kf &= S_{\Phi}^{-1} S_{\Phi} Kf \\ &= S_{\Phi}^{-1} T_{\Phi} \mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi} \mathcal{R} T_{\Phi}^* Kf \\ &= S_{\Phi}^{-1} T_{\Phi} T_{\Phi}^* U T_{\Psi} \mathcal{R} T_{\Phi}^* Kf \\ &= \sum_{i \in I} \left\langle f, \, K^* T_{\Phi} \mathcal{R}^* T_{\Psi}^* U^* \phi_i \right\rangle \pi_{R(K)} S_{\Phi}^{-1} \pi_{S_{\Phi}(R(K))} \phi_i. \end{split}$$

The existence of K-dual for  $\left\{S_{\Phi}^{-1}\pi_{S_{\Phi}(R(K))}\phi_i\right\}_{i \in I}$  proves the considered sequence is a Kframe.

(2) Using (1.4) we obtain

$$\begin{split} Kf &= \pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} T_{\Phi^d} f \\ &= \pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} \mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi} \mathcal{R} T_{\Phi^d} f \\ &= \pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} T_{\Phi}^* U T_{\Psi} \mathcal{R} T_{\Phi^d} f \\ &= \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, T_{\Phi^d} \mathcal{R}^* T_{\Psi}^* U^* \phi_i \rangle \pi_{R(K)} \phi_i. \end{split}$$

In the following, we present pairs of K-duals by means of the one sided invertibility of Gram matrices.

**Corollary 3.7** Let  $\Phi = {\phi_i}_{i \in I}$  be a Bessel sequence and  $\Psi = {\psi_i}_{i \in I}$  a K-frame in H. Also, let  $U \in B(\mathcal{H})$ , and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a left inverse of  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi}$ . Then

- (1)  $\{K^*\psi_i\}_{i\in I}$  is a K-dual of  $\left\{S_{\Psi}^{-1}\pi_{S_{\Psi}(R(K))}T_{\Psi}\mathcal{L}T_{\Phi}^*U\psi_i\right\}_{i\in I}$ .
- (2)  $\left\{K^*S_{\Psi}^{-1}\pi_{S_{\Psi}(R(K))}\psi_i\right\}_{i\in I}$  is a K-dual of  $\left\{T_{\Psi}\mathcal{L}T_{\Phi}^*U\psi_i\right\}_{i\in I}$ .
- (3)  $\Psi^d = \{\psi_i^d\}_{i \in I}$  is a K-dual of  $\{T_{\Psi}\mathcal{L}T_{\Phi}^*U\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $\Psi^d$  is a K-dual of  $\Psi$ .

**Proof** (1) Let  $\mathcal{L} \in B(\mathcal{H})$  be a left inverse of  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi}$ . It is clear to see that  $\{K^*\psi_i\}_{i\in I}$  and  $\{S_{\Psi}^{-1}\pi_{S_{\Psi}(R(K))}T_{\Psi}\mathcal{L}T_{\Phi}^*U\psi_i\}_{i\in I}$  are Bessel sequences in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{split} Kf &= S_{\Psi}^{-1} S_{\Psi} Kf \\ &= \pi_{R(K)} S_{\Psi}^{-1} S_{\Psi} Kf \\ &= \pi_{R(K)} S_{\Psi}^{-1} \pi_{S_{\Psi} R(K)} T_{\Psi} T_{\Psi}^* Kf \\ &= \pi_{R(K)} S_{\Psi}^{-1} \pi_{S_{\Psi} R(K)} T_{\Psi} \mathcal{L} \mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi} T_{\Psi}^* Kf \\ &= \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, K^* \psi_i \rangle \pi_{R(K)} S_{\Psi}^{-1} \pi_{S_{\Psi} R(K)} T_{\Psi} \mathcal{L} T_{\phi}^* U \psi_i, \end{split}$$

for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ . The rest is similar.

In the following we present a K-dual for a K-frame by some its K-duals.

**Proposition 3.8** Assume that  $\Psi = \{\psi_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a K-dual of a K-frame  $\Phi = \{\phi_i\}_{i \in I}$ . If  $U \in B(\mathcal{H})$  such that  $\mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi} = I_{\ell^2}$ , then  $S_{\Psi}^* U^* \Phi$  is a K-dual of  $\Phi$ . In particular, if  $\Psi$  is the canonical K-dual of  $\Phi$  and  $KU^* = I_{\mathcal{H}}$ , then  $S_{\Psi}^* U^* \Phi = \Psi$ .

**Proof** For all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  we have

$$Kf = \pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} T_{\Psi}^* f$$
  
=  $\pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} \mathbf{G}_{U,\Phi,\Psi} T_{\Psi}^* f$   
=  $\pi_{R(K)} T_{\Phi} T_{\Phi}^* U T_{\Psi} T_{\Psi}^* f$   
=  $\pi_{R(K)} S_{\Phi} U S_{\Psi} f$   
=  $\sum_{i \in I} \langle f, S_{\Psi}^* U^* \phi_i \rangle \pi_{R(K)} \phi_i.$ 

In particular, if  $\Psi$  is the canonical *K*-dual of  $\Phi$ , then we have

$$S_{\Psi}f = \sum_{i \in I} \left\langle f, K^* S_{\Phi}^{-1} \pi_{S_{\Phi}R(K)} \phi_i \right\rangle K^* S_{\Phi}^{-1} \pi_{S_{\Phi}R(K)} \phi_i$$
  
=  $K^* S_{\Phi}^{-1} \pi_{S_{\Phi}R(K)} S_{\Phi} (S_{\Phi}^{-1})^* K f.$ 

Now, by using  $KU^* = I_{\mathcal{H}}$  we obtain

$$S_{\Psi}^{*}U^{*}\Phi = K^{*}S_{\Phi}^{-1}\pi_{S_{\Phi}R(K)}S_{\Phi}^{*}(S_{\Phi}^{-1})^{*}KU^{*}\Phi$$
  
=  $K^{*}S_{\Phi}^{-1}\pi_{S_{\Phi}R(K)}\Phi = \Psi.$ 

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