

# Necessity of Oversampling Theorem for Affine Frames

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $a, n \geq 2$  be two natural numbers. C. K. Chui and X. L. Shi proved that for any affine frame  $\{\psi_{b;j,k}(x) = a^{j/2}\psi(a^jx - kb), j, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , and the family  $\{n^{-1/2}\psi_{j,k/n}, j, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is also a frame with the same bounds if  $n$  is relatively prime to  $a$ . In this paper we prove that  $n$  is relatively prime to  $a$  which is also necessary.

## KEYWORDS

Affine Frame; Oversampling

### 1. Introduction

Let  $L^2 = L^2(\mathbb{R})$  denote, as usual, the space of all complex-valued square integrable functions on the real line with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and norm  $\| \cdot \|$ . For any  $\psi \in L^2 = L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , we will use the notation

$$\psi_{b;j,k}(x) = 2^{j/a}\psi(a^jx - kb), j, k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (1)$$

where  $a > 1$  and  $b > 0$ . A function  $\psi \in L^2$  is said to generate an affine frame

$$\{\psi_{b;j,k} : j, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad (2)$$

of  $L^2$ , with frame bounds  $A$  and  $B$ , where  $0 < A \leq B < \infty$ , if it satisfies

$$A\|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\langle f, \psi_{b;j,k} \rangle|^2 \leq B\|f\|^2, \forall f \in L^2. \quad (3)$$

The frame (2) of  $L^2$  is called a tight frame, if (3) holds with  $A = B$ , see [1] and [2]. In 1993, C. K. Chui and X. L. Shi [3] proved the following oversampling theorem:

**Theorem A.** Let  $a \geq 2$  be any positive integer and  $b > 0$ . Also, let  $\psi \in L^2$  generate a frame  $\{\psi_{b;j,k} : j, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  with frame bounds  $A$  and  $B$  as given by (3). Then for any positive integer  $n$  which is relatively prime to  $a$ , the family

$$\{n^{-1/2}\psi_{b/n;j,k} : j, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad (4)$$

remains a frame of  $L^2$  with the same bounds. If  $(n, a) \neq 1$ , this result does not hold. But they only gave a counterexample for the case where  $a = 2, b = 1, n = 2$  as in [4]. For other positive integer  $n$  and  $a$  which satisfy  $(n, a) \neq 1$ , they did not prove. The aim of this paper is to establish the inverse proposition of Theorem A, and then we following:

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $a \geq 2$  be any positive integer and  $b > 0$ . Also, let  $\{\psi_{b,j,k} : j, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be any affine frame of  $L^2$  with frame bounds  $A$  and  $B$ . The family (4) remains a frame of  $L^2$  with the same bounds: that is,

$$nA\|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \langle f, \psi_{b/n,j,k} \rangle \right|^2 \leq nB\|f\|^2, f \in L^2, \tag{5}$$

if and only if  $n$  and  $a$  are relatively prime.

## 2. Proofs

The sufficiency has been included in the theorem 4 of [3]. In the following we will prove the necessary part of the theorem.

Suppose for any affine frame (2) of  $L^2$  with frame bounds  $A$  and  $B$ , the family (4) is also a frame of  $L^2$  with the same bounds. Then when (1) forms an orthonormal basis, the family (4) forms a tight frame with frame bound 1. So we just need to prove that there exists a function  $\psi$  such that the family (1) forms the orthonormal basis, but for any two positive integers  $n$  and  $a$  which satisfy  $(n, a) \geq 2$ , there exist two functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  such that

$$S(f_1) = \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \langle f_1, \psi_{b/n,j,k} \rangle \right|^2$$

Doesn't equal

$$S(f_2) = \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \langle f_2, \psi_{b/n,j,k} \rangle \right|^2.$$

Let  $\psi(x) = \psi_H(x) = \chi_{[0,1)}(x) \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{1}{2} - x\right)$ , then  $\{\psi_{j,k} : j, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  forms an orthonormal basis, which is called Haar basis. Set

$$f_1(x) = \psi_H\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ and } f_2(x) = \chi_{[-1/2, 1/2)}(x).$$

We prove that if  $(n, a) = m \geq 2, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$S(f_1) - S(f_2) \neq 0. \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(f_1) &= \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \langle f_1, \psi_{H;j,k/n} \rangle \right|^2 \\ &= \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ j=0}}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \left( \frac{1-k}{2} - \frac{k}{n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \\ j=0}}^{-1} \left( \frac{3k}{n} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-n \\ j=0}}^{\lfloor -n/2 \rfloor - 1} \left( \frac{3k}{n} + \frac{5}{2} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor 3n/2 \rfloor \\ j=0}}^{-n-1} \left( \frac{3}{2} + \frac{k}{n} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{k=\lfloor a^j n/2 - n/2 \rfloor \\ j \geq 1}}^{\lfloor a^j n/2 - n/2 \rfloor} a^j \left( \frac{k}{a^j n} + \frac{1}{a^j} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=\lfloor a^j n/2 - n/2 \rfloor \\ j \geq 1}}^{\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \\ j \geq 1}}^{-1} a^j \left( \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-n+1 \\ j \geq 1}}^{\lfloor -n/2 \rfloor - 1} 4a^j \left( \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2 + n/2 \rfloor \\ j \geq 1}}^{\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor - 1} a^j \left( \frac{k}{a^j n} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2 + n \rfloor \\ j \geq 1}}^{\lfloor a^j n/2 + n/2 \rfloor - 1} a^j \left( \frac{k}{a^j n} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{a^j} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ j \leq -1}}^{\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{\lfloor n/2 - a^j n/2 \rfloor - 1} a^j \left( 1 - \frac{1}{a^j} - \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n+a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-n-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{k=-n \\ j \leq -1}}^{\lfloor n - a^j n/2 \rfloor - 1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{a^j} - \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1 \\ j \leq -1}}^{\lfloor -n/2 \rfloor - 1} a^j \left( 1 + \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
S(f_2) &= \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \langle f_2, \psi_{H;j,k/n} \rangle \right|^2 = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ j=0}}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \left( \frac{1-k}{2} - \frac{k}{n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-n \\ j=0}}^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{k}{n} \right)^2 \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor 3n/2 \rfloor \\ j=0}}^{-n-1} \left( \frac{3}{2} + \frac{k}{n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=\lfloor a^j n/2-n \rfloor+1 \\ j \geq 1}}^{\lfloor a^j n/2-n/2 \rfloor} a^j \left( \frac{k}{a^j n} + \frac{1}{a^j} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k=\lfloor a^j n/2-n/2 \rfloor+1 \\ j \geq 1}}^{\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2+n/2 \rfloor \\ j \geq 1}}^{-\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( \frac{k}{a^j n} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2+n \rfloor \\ j \geq 1}}^{-\lfloor a^j n/2+n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( \frac{k}{a^j n} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{a^j} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ j \leq -1}}^{\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2-a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n/2-a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2+n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2 \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2+a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n/2+a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n-a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n-a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n+a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-n-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Denote  $\Delta = S(f_1) - S(f_2)$ . We have

$$\Delta = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 + A_5 + A_6,$$

where

$$A_1 = \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \\ j=0}}^{-1} \left( \frac{3k}{n} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-n \\ j=0}}^{-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor-1} \left( \frac{3k}{n} + \frac{5}{2} \right)^2 - \sum_{\substack{k=-n \\ j=0}}^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{k}{n} \right)^2, \quad A_2 = \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \\ j \geq 1}}^{-1} a^j \left( \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-n+1 \\ j \geq 1}}^{-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor-1} 4a^j \left( \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2,$$

$$A_3 = \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 - \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A_4 &= \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n/2-a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( 1 - \frac{1}{a^j} - \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2 + \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2+a^j n/2 \rfloor-1 \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( 1 + \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2 \\
&- \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n/2-a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2 - \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor a^j n/2+n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{2k}{a^j n} \right)^2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$A_5 = - \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n/2-a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j - \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor n-a^j n/2 \rfloor \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n/2+a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j,$$

and

$$A_6 = \sum_{\substack{k=-n \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n-a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{a^j} - \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2 - \sum_{\substack{k=-n \\ j \leq -1}}^{-\lfloor n-a^j n/2 \rfloor-1} a^j \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{a^j} + \frac{k}{a^j n} \right)^2.$$

In order to prove the theorem, we have three cases.

**Case 1.** When  $a = n$ .

We have  $\lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor = 0$  if  $j \leq -1$ . Thus, if  $n$  is an even integer, we can get

$$A_1 = \frac{n}{6} + \frac{4}{3n}; A_2 = \frac{n}{3(a-1)} + \frac{2}{3n(a-1)}; A_3 = 0; A_4 = \sum_{j \leq -1} a^j; A_5 = \sum_{j \leq -1} (2-n)a^j; A_6 = 0$$

So, we have

$$\Delta = \frac{n^2 - 5n + 18}{6(n-1)} + \frac{4}{3n} + \frac{2}{3n(n-1)} > 0.$$

If  $n$  is an odd integer, we have

$$A_1 = \frac{n}{6} - \frac{1}{6n}; A_2 = \frac{n}{3(a-1)} - \frac{1}{3n(a-1)}; A_3 = 0; A_4 = -\frac{1}{n}; A_5 = \sum_{j \leq -2} (1-n)a^j + \frac{2-n}{n} = \frac{1}{n} - 1; A_6 = 0.$$

So, we have

$$\Delta = \frac{n^2 - 6n + 9}{6n} + \frac{n^2 - 5n + 4}{3n(n-1)} \neq 0.$$

**Case 2.** When  $a \geq n+1$ .

If  $n$  is an even integer, we have

$$A_1 = \frac{n}{6} + \frac{4}{3n}; A_2 = \frac{n}{3(a-1)} + \frac{2}{3n(a-1)}; A_3 = 0; A_4 = \sum_{j \leq -1} a^j; A_5 = \sum_{j \leq -1} (2-n)a^j; A_6 = 0.$$

Thus

$$\Delta = \frac{an^2 - 5n^2 + 18n + 8a - 4}{6n(a-1)} > \frac{n(n^2 - 5n + 7) + 19n - 4}{6n(a-1)} > 0.$$

If  $n$  is an odd integer, we can get  $n \geq 3$  because of  $(n, a) \geq 3$ . As in the case 1, we also have

$$A_1 = \frac{n}{6} - \frac{1}{6n}; A_2 = \frac{n}{3(a-1)} - \frac{1}{3n(a-1)}; A_3 = 0; A_4 = 0; A_5 = \frac{1-n}{a-1}; A_6 = 0.$$

So, we get

$$\Delta = \frac{an^2 - 5n^2 + 6n - a - 1}{6n(a-1)} \geq \frac{n(n-2)^2 + n - 2}{6n(a-1)} > 0.$$

**Case 3.** When  $a < n$ .

If  $n$  is an even integer. Let

$$\Lambda_1 = \{j \leq -1; j \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } a^j n/2 \text{ is a positive integer}\}$$

and

$$\Lambda_2 = \{j \leq -1; j \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } a^j n/2 \text{ is a not positive integer}\}$$

When  $\Lambda_1 \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an integer  $J$  satisfying  $J \in \Lambda_1, J-1 \in \Lambda_2$ . Therefore we have

$$A_3 + A_4 + A_5 + A_6 = \sum_{J \leq j \leq -1} (3a^{2j}n/2 - a^j n) + \sum_{j \leq J-1} f_j(x_j) + \sum_{j \leq J-1} (3-n)a^j,$$

where  $x_j = \lfloor a^j n/2 \rfloor, f_j(x_j) = -\frac{6}{n} [x_j^2 - (a^j n - 1)x_j]$ . When  $\frac{1}{2}a^j n < 1$ , we have  $\frac{1}{2}a^j n > a^j n - 1$  and

$f_j\left(\frac{1}{2}a^j n\right) < 0$ . Thus we have

$$\sum_{j \leq J-1} f_j(x_j) = \sum_{\log_a \frac{2}{n} \leq j \leq J-1} f_j(x_j) \geq \sum_{\log_a \frac{2}{n} \leq j \leq J-1} f_j\left(\frac{1}{2}a^j n\right) > \sum_{j \leq J-1} f_j\left(\frac{1}{2}a^j n\right) = \sum_{j \leq J-1} -3a^j + \frac{3}{2}n a^j.$$

Therefore

$$\Delta \geq \frac{n^2(a-2)^2 + (a+2)^2 + 7a^2 - 8}{6n(a^2-1)} > 0.$$

When  $\Lambda_1 = \emptyset$ , similar to the case  $\Lambda_1 \neq \emptyset$ , we also have

$$\sum_{j \leq -1} f_j(x_j) = \sum_{\log_a \frac{2}{n} \leq j \leq -1} f_j(x_j) \geq \sum_{\log_a \frac{2}{n} \leq j \leq -1} f_j\left(\frac{1}{2}a^j n\right) > \sum_{j \leq -1} f_j\left(\frac{1}{2}a^j n\right) = \sum_{j \leq -1} -3a^j + \frac{3}{2}n a^j.$$

So we have

$$\Delta \geq \frac{n(a-2)^2}{6(a^2-1)} + \frac{4}{3n} + \frac{2}{3n(a-1)} > 0.$$

If  $n$  is an odd integer. We have

$$A_3 + A_4 + A_5 + A_6 = \sum_{\log_a \frac{1}{n} \leq j \leq -1} g_j(x_j) + h_j(y_j) + a^j - na^j$$

where

$$x_j = \lfloor a^j n / 2 \rfloor, g_j(x_j) = -\frac{2}{n} [x_j^2 - (a^j n - 1)x_j];$$

$$h_j = \lfloor a^j n / 2 + 1/2 \rfloor, h_j(y_j) = -\frac{4}{n} (y_j^2 - a^j n y_j).$$

A familiar calculation shows

$$\Delta > -\frac{1}{n} \log_a n + \frac{n}{48} - \frac{7}{6n}.$$

Since  $(a, n) \geq 3$  and  $a < n$ , we have  $n \geq 9, a \geq 3$ . Also when  $n = 9$  and  $a = 3$ , we have

$$\Delta = \frac{14}{27} > 0.$$

When  $n = 9$  and  $a = 6$ , obviously we have

$$\Delta \geq \frac{10}{27} > 0.$$

When  $n \geq 15$ ,  $-\frac{1}{n} \log_a n + \frac{n}{48} - \frac{7}{6n} > \frac{5}{144}$ . So we have  $\Delta > 0$  in this case. This completes the proof of the theorem.

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