MULTI-WINDOW GABOR FRAMES IN AMALGAM SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We show that multi-window Gabor frames with windows in the Wiener algebra $W(L^{\infty},\ell^1)$ are Banach frames for all Wiener amalgam spaces. As a by-product of our results we prove the canonical dual of a Gabor frame with a continuous generator in the Wiener algebra also belongs to this space. Our proofs are mostly based on recent noncommutative versions of Wiener's 1/f lemma.

1. Introduction

A Gabor system is a collection of functions $\mathcal{G}(g,\Lambda) = \{\pi(\lambda)g \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, where $\Lambda = \alpha \mathbb{Z}^d \times \beta \mathbb{Z}^d$ is a lattice, $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and the time-frequency shifts $\pi(\lambda)g = \pi(x,\omega)g$ of g are given by

$$\pi(x,\omega)g(y) = e^{2\pi i\omega \cdot y}g(y-x), \qquad y \in \mathbb{R}^d, \ \lambda = (x,\omega) \in \Lambda.$$

This system is called a frame if $||f||_2^2 \approx \sum_{\lambda} |\langle f, \pi(\lambda)g \rangle|^2$. In this case, there exists a dual Gabor system $\mathcal{G}(\widetilde{g}, \Lambda) = \{ \pi(\lambda)\widetilde{g} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda \}$ providing the L^2 -expansions

(1)
$$f = \sum_{\lambda} \langle f, \pi(\lambda)g \rangle \, \pi(\lambda)\widetilde{g} = \sum_{\lambda} \langle f, \pi(\lambda)\widetilde{g} \rangle \, \pi(\lambda)g.$$

It is known that under suitable assumptions on g and \tilde{g} equations in (1) extend to L^p spaces [3, 18, 21, 22]. To some extent, these results parallel the theory of Gabor expansions on modulation spaces [15]. However, since modulation spaces are defined in terms of time-frequency concentration – and are indeed characterized by the size of the numbers $\langle f, \pi(\lambda)g \rangle$ – Gabor expansions are also available in a more irregular context, where Λ is not a lattice. In contrast, the theory of Gabor expansions in L^p spaces relies on the strict algebraic structure of Λ . Indeed, as shown in [31], the Poisson summation formula implies that the frame operator $Sf := \sum_{\lambda} \langle f, \pi(\lambda)g \rangle \pi(\lambda)g$ can be written as

(2)
$$Sf(x) = \frac{1}{\beta^d} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left(\overline{g(x - j/\beta - \alpha k)} g(x - \alpha k) \right) f(x - j/\beta).$$

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This expression allows one to transfer spatial information about g to boundedness properties of S and is at the core of the L^p -theory of Gabor expansions.

One often has explicit information only about g, while the existence of \widetilde{g} is merely inferred from the frame inequality. It is then important to know whether certain good properties of g are also inherited by \widetilde{g} , so as to deduce the validity of (1) in various function spaces. The key technical point is showing that S is invertible not only in L^2 but also in other relevant spaces. This was proved for modulation spaces in [24, 20] and for L^p spaces in [28]. In this latter case the analysis relies on the fact that S^{-1} is the frame operator associated with the dual Gabor system $\mathcal{G}(\widetilde{g}, \Lambda)$ and thus admits an expansion like the one in (2).

The objective of this article is to extend the L^p -theory of Gabor expansions to multi-window Gabor systems (see [2, 25]),

$$\mathcal{G}(\Lambda^1, \dots, \Lambda^n, g^1, \dots, g^n) = \{ \pi(\lambda^i) g^i \mid \lambda^i \in \Lambda^i, 1 \le i \le n \},\$$

where $\Lambda^1, \ldots, \Lambda^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ are lattices $\Lambda^i = \alpha_i \mathbb{Z}^d \times \beta_i \mathbb{Z}^d$ and $g^1, \ldots, g^n : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{C}$. The challenge in doing so is that, in contrast to the case of a single lattice Λ , the corresponding dual system does not consist of lattice time-frequency translates of a certain family of functions $\widetilde{g^1}, \ldots, \widetilde{g^n}$. One of the main technical contributions of this paper is to show that, nevertheless, S^{-1} admits a generalized expansion

(3)
$$S^{-1}f(x) = \sum_{k} G_k(x)f(x - x_k),$$

where the family of points $\{x_k\}_k$ may not be contained in a lattice. We then prove that certain spatial localization properties of g^1, \ldots, g^n imply corresponding localization properties for the family of functions $\{G_k\}_k$ and deduce that S^{-1} is bounded on L^p -spaces. Moreover, the result extends to the more general context of Wiener amalgam spaces, which are spaces of functions that belong locally to L^q and globally to L^p .

To prove these results, we study a Banach algebra of operators admitting an expansion as in (3) with a suitable summability condition. We then resort to a recent Wiener-type result on non-commutative almost-periodic Fourier series [4] to prove that this algebra is spectral within the class of bounded operators on L^p . This means that if an operator from that algebra is invertible on L^p , then the inverse operator necessarily belongs to the algebra. This approach is now common in time-frequency analysis [1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 15, 20, 24, 26, 27] but its application to spaces that are not characterized by time-frequency decay is rather subtle. As a by-product, we obtain consequences that are new even for the case of one generator. In particular, we prove that if all the functions g^i are continuous, so is every function in the dual system. This answers positively a question that was inspired by [28].

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we define Wiener amalgam spaces and recall their characterization via Gabor frames. In Section 3 we present the main technical result of this paper: a spectral invariance theorem for a sub-algebra of weighted-shift operators in $B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$. In Section 4, we use the result of the previous section to extend the theory of multi-window Gabor frames to the class of Wiener amalgam spaces. In particular, this last section contains a Wiener-type lemma for multi-window Gabor frames.

2. Amalgam spaces and Gabor expansions

Given $x, \omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$, the translation and modulation operators act on a function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{C}$ by

$$T_x f(y) := f(y - x), \qquad M_{\omega} f(y) := e^{2\pi i \omega \cdot y} f(y),$$

where $\omega \cdot y$ is the usual dot product. The time-frequency shift associated with the point $\lambda = (x, \omega) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ is the operator $\pi(\lambda) = \pi(x, \omega) := M_\omega T_x$.

Given two non-negative functions f, g, we write $f \lesssim g$ if $f \leq Cg$, for some constant C > 0. If E is a Banach space, we denote by B(E) the Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators on E.

We use the following normalization of the Fourier transform of a function $f: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{C}$:

$$\hat{f}(\omega) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)e^{-2\pi i\omega \cdot x} dx.$$

2.1. **Definition and properties of the amalgam spaces.** A function $w: \mathbb{R}^d \to (0, +\infty)$ is called a *weight* if it is continuous and symmetric (i.e. w(x) = w(-x)). A weight w is *submultiplicative* if

$$w(x+y) \le w(x)w(y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Prototypical examples are given by the polynomial weights $w(x) = (1+|x|)^s$, which are submultiplicative if $s \ge 0$. The main results in this article require to consider an extra condition on the weights. A submultiplicative weight w is called admissible if w(0) = 1, and it satisfies the Gelfand-Raikov-Shilov condition.

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} w(kx)^{1/k} = 1, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

It follows that any admissible weight w satisfies $w(x) \geq 1$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

Given a submultiplicative weight w, a second weight $v : \mathbb{R}^d \to (0, \infty)$ is called w-moderate if there exists a constant $C_v > 0$ such that,

(4)
$$v(x+y) \le C_v w(x) v(y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

For polynomial weights $v(x) = (1+|x|)^t$, $w(x) = (1+|x|)^s$, v is w-moderate if $|t| \le s$. If v is w-moderate, it follows from (4) and the symmetry of w that 1/v is also w-moderate (with the same constant).

In what follows we shall use a fixed submultiplicative weight w, and consider classes of function spaces related to various w-moderate weights v. For

 $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$, we define the Wiener amalgam space $W(L^p, L_v^q)$ as the class of all measurable functions $f : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{C}$ such that,

(5)
$$||f||_{W(L^p, L^q_v)} := \left(\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} ||f||_{L^p([0,1)^d + k)}^q v(k)^q \right)^{1/q} < \infty,$$

with the usual modifications when $q = +\infty$. As with Lebesgue spaces, we identify two functions if they coincide almost everywhere. For a study of this class of spaces in a much broader context see [13, 14, 17]. We only point out that, as a consequence of the assumptions on the weights v and w, it can be shown that the partition $\{[0,1)^d + k : k \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$ in (5) can be replaced by more general coverings yielding an equivalent norm.

Weighted amalgam spaces are *solid*, that is, if $f \in W(L^p, L_v^q)$ and $m \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, then $mf \in W(L^p, L_v^q)$ and

(6)
$$||mf||_{W(L^p, L^q_n)} \le ||m||_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)} ||f||_{W(L^p, L^q_n)}.$$

In addition, using the fact that v is w-moderate, it follows that $W(L^p, L_v^q)$ is closed under translations and

(7)
$$||T_x f||_{W(L^p, L^q_v)} \le C_v w(x) ||f||_{W(L^p, L^q_v)},$$

where C_v is the constant in (4).

The Köthe-dual of $W(L^p, L^q_v)$ is the space of all measurable functions $g: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{C}$ such that $g \cdot W(L^p, L^q_v) \subseteq L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$. It is equal to $W(L^{p'}, L^{q'}_{1/v})$, where 1/p + 1/p' = 1/q + 1/q' = 1 for all $1 \le p, q \le \infty$. In particular, the pairing

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : W(L^p, L_v^q) \times W(L^{p'}, L_{1/v}^{q'}) \to \mathbb{C}, \qquad \langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx,$$

is bounded. The linear functionals arising from integration against functions in $W(L^{p'}, L_{1/v}^{q'})$ determine a topology in $W(L^p, L_v^q)$ that will be denoted by $\sigma(W(L^p, L_v^q), W(L^{p'}, L_{1/v}^{q'}))$.

2.2. Gabor expansions on amalgam spaces. We now recall the theory of Gabor expansions on Wiener amalgam spaces as developed in [16, 18, 21, 22]. Let $\Lambda = \alpha \mathbb{Z}^d \times \beta \mathbb{Z}^d$ be a separable lattice, and $\alpha, \beta > 0$. The family of sequence spaces corresponding to amalgam spaces via Gabor frames is defined as follows. For a weight v and $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$, let $\mathcal{F}L^p([0, 1/\beta)^d)$ be the image of $L^p([0, 1/\beta)^d)$ under the discrete Fourier transform, i.e., a sequence $c \equiv \{c_j \mid j \in \beta \mathbb{Z}^d\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ belongs to $\mathcal{F}L^p([0, 1/\beta)^d)$ if there exists a (unique) function $f \in L^p([0, 1/\beta)^d)$ such that,

$$c_j = \hat{f}(j) = \beta^d \int_{[0,1/\beta)^d} f(x)e^{-2\pi i jx} dx, \qquad j \in \beta \mathbb{Z}^d.$$

The space $\mathcal{F}L^p([0,1/\beta)^d)$ is given the norm $||c||_{\mathcal{F}L^p([0,1/\beta)^d)} := ||f||_{L^p([0,1/\beta)^d)}$. Let $S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda)$ be the set of all sequences $c \equiv \{c_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ such that, for each $k \in \alpha \mathbb{Z}^d$, the sequence $(c_{k,j})_{j \in \beta \mathbb{Z}^d}$ belongs to $\mathcal{F}L^p([0,1/\beta)^d)$ and

$$||c||_{S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda)} := \left(\sum_{k \in \alpha \mathbb{Z}^d} ||(c_{k,j})_{j \in \beta \mathbb{Z}^d}||_{\mathcal{F}L^p([0,1/\beta)^d)}^q v(k)^q \right)^{1/q} < \infty,$$

with the usual modifications when $q = \infty$. When 1 this is simply,

$$||c||_{S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda)} := \left(\sum_{k \in \alpha \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| \sum_{j \in \beta \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{k,j} e^{2\pi i j \cdot} \right\|_{L^p([0,1/\beta)^d)}^q v(k)^q \right)^{1/q} < \infty,$$

and the usual modifications hold for $q = \infty$.

The following Theorem from [22] describes the analysis and synthesis operators, clarifies their precise meaning and gives their mapping properties.

Theorem 1. [22, Theorem 3.2]. Let w be a submultiplicative weight, v a w-moderate weight, $g \in W(L^{\infty}, L_w^1)$, and $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$. Then the following properties hold.

(a) The analysis (coefficient) operator,

$$C_{g,\Lambda}:W(L^p,L^q_v)\to S^{p,q}_v(\Lambda), \qquad C_{g,\Lambda}(f):=(\langle f,\pi(\lambda)g\rangle)_{\lambda\in\Lambda}$$

is bounded with a bound that only depends on $\alpha, \beta, \|g\|_{W(L^{\infty}, L^1_w)}$, and the constant C_v in (4).

(b) Let $c \in S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda)$ and $m_k \in L^p([0,1/\beta)^d)$ be the unique functions such that $\widehat{m_k}(j) = c_{k,j}$. Then the series

$$R_{g,\Lambda}(c) := \sum_{k \in \alpha \mathbb{Z}^d} m_k T_k g,$$

converges unconditionally in the $\sigma(W(L^p, L^q_v), W(L^{p'}, L^{q'}_{1/v}))$ -topology and, moreover, unconditionally in the norm topology of $W(L^p, L^q_v)$ if $p, q < \infty$.

(c) The synthesis (reconstruction) operator $R_{g,\Lambda}: S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda) \to W(L^p, L_v^q)$ is bounded with a bound that depends only on $\alpha, \beta, \|g\|_{W(L^\infty, L_w^1)}$, and the constant C_v in (4).

The definition of the operator $R_{g,\Lambda}$ is rather abstract. As shown in [16], the convergence can be made explicit by means of a summability method.

For $g \in W(L^{\infty}, L_w^1)$, a sequence $c \in S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda)$, and $N, M \ge 0$ let us consider the partial sums

$$R_{N,M}(c)(x) := \sum_{|k|_{\infty} < \alpha N} \sum_{|j|_{\infty} < \beta M} c_{k,j} e^{2\pi i j x} g(x - k).$$

In the conditions " $|k|_{\infty} \leq N, |j|_{\infty} \leq M$ " above we consider elements $(k, j) \in \Lambda = \alpha \mathbb{Z}^d \times \beta \mathbb{Z}^d$; it is important that we use the max norm. We also consider the regularized partial sums,

$$\sigma_{N,M}(c)(x) := \sum_{|k|_{\infty} \le \alpha N} \sum_{|j|_{\infty} \le \beta M} r_{j,M} c_{k,j} e^{2\pi i j x} g(x - k),$$

where the regularizing weights are given by,

(8)
$$r_{j,M} := \prod_{h=1}^{d} \left(1 - \frac{|j_h|}{\beta(M+1)} \right).$$

We then have the following convergence result [16, 22].

Theorem 2. Let w be a submultiplicative weight, v a w-moderate weight, $g \in W(L^{\infty}, L^1_w)$, and $1 \le p, q \le \infty$. Then the following properties hold.

(a) If $1 and <math>q < \infty$, then

$$R_{N,M}(c) \to R_{g,\Lambda}(c), \quad as \ N, M \to \infty,$$

in the norm of $W(L^p, L_v^q)$.

(b) For each $c \in S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda)$,

$$\sigma_{N,M}(c) \to R_{q,\Lambda}(c), \quad as \ N, M \to \infty,$$

in the $\sigma(W(L^p, L^q_v), W(L^{p'}, L^{q'}_{1/v}))$ -topology and also in the norm of $W(L^p, L^q_v)$ if $p, q < \infty$.

Remark 1. A more refined convergence statement, with more general summability methods, can be found in [16]. We will only need the norm and weak convergence of Gabor expansions but we point out that the problem of pointwise summability has also been extensively studied [16, 18, 21, 22, 32].

Proof. Part (a) is proved in [22, Proposition 4.6]. The case $p < +\infty$ of (b) is proved in [16, Theorem 4], where only unweighted amalgam spaces are considered. The same proof extends with simple modifications to the weighted case and weak*-convergence for $p = \infty$.

We now present a representation of Gabor frame operators that will be essential for the results to come. For proofs see [31] or [22, Theorem 4.2 and Lemma 5.2] for the weighted version.

Theorem 3. Let w be a submultiplicative weight, v a w-moderate weight, $g,h \in W(L^{\infty},L^1_w)$ and $1 \leq p,q \leq +\infty$. Then the operator $R_{h,\Lambda}C_{g,\Lambda}:W(L^p,L^q_v) \to W(L^p,L^q_v)$ can be written as

(9)
$$R_{h,\Lambda}C_{g,\Lambda}f = \beta^{-d} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^d} G_j T_{\frac{j}{\beta}}f,$$

where,

(10)
$$G_j(x) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \overline{g(x - j/\beta - \alpha k)} h(x - \alpha k), \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

In addition, the functions $G_j: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{C}$ satisfy

(11)
$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \|G_j\|_{\infty} w(j/\beta) \lesssim \|g\|_{W(L^{\infty}, L^1_w)} \|h\|_{W(L^{\infty}, L^1_w)} < +\infty.$$

As a consequence, the series in (9) converges absolutely in the norm of $W(L^p, L^q_v)$.

3. The algebra of L^{∞} -weighted shifts

3.1. L^{∞} -weighted shifts. Representation (9) motivates the following introduction of a Banach *-algebra of operators on function spaces that will be the key technical object of this paper. For an admissible weight w we let \mathcal{A}_w be the set of all families $\mathcal{M} = (m_x)_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \in \ell^1_w(\mathbb{R}^d, L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d))$ with the standard Banach space norm

(12)
$$\|\mathcal{M}\|_{\mathcal{A}_w} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \|m_x\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)} w(x) < +\infty.$$

The algebra structure and the involution on \mathcal{A}_w , however, will be non-standard. They will come from the identification of \mathcal{A}_w with the class of operators on function spaces of the form

(13)
$$f \mapsto \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} m_x f(\cdot - x).$$

Observe that due to (12) the family $\mathcal{M} = (m_x)_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$ has countable support and also that the operator in (13) is well-defined and bounded on all $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $p \in [1, \infty]$ (recall that the admissibility of w implies that $w \geq 1$).

With a slight abuse of notation, given a function $m \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ we also denote by m the multiplication operator $f \mapsto mf$. It is then convenient to write $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{A}_w$ as

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} m_x T_x, \quad (m_x)_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \in \ell_w^1(\mathbb{R}^d, L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)),$$

and endow \mathcal{A}_w with the product and involution inherited from $B(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$. More precisely, the product on \mathcal{A}_w is given by

$$\left(\sum_{x} m_x T_x\right) \left(\sum_{x} n_x T_x\right) = \sum_{x} \left(\sum_{y} m_y n_{x-y} (\cdot - y)\right) T_x,$$

and the involution – by

$$\left(\sum_{x} m_x T_x\right)^* = \sum_{x} \overline{m_x(\cdot + x)} T_{-x} = \sum_{x} \overline{m_{-x}(\cdot - x)} T_x.$$

It is straightforward to verify that with this structure \mathcal{A}_w is, indeed, a Banach *-algebra which embeds continuously into $B(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$. We shall establish a number of other continuity properties of the operators defined by families in \mathcal{A}_w in Proposition 1 below. These will be useful in dealing with Gabor expansions on amalgam spaces.

Observe that the identification of families in \mathcal{A}_w and operators on $B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ given by the operator in (13) is one-to-one; this follows from the characterization of \mathcal{A}_w in the following subsection but can also be proved directly. Because of this we shall no longer distinguish between the families in \mathcal{A}_w and operators generated by them. We will write $\mathcal{A}_w \subset B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ if we need to highlight that we treat members of \mathcal{A}_w as operators on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$. We also point out that for $m \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $x, w \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$(14) M_{\omega} m T_x M_{-\omega} = e^{2\pi i \omega \cdot x} m T_x.$$

Proposition 1. Let $1 \le p, q \le +\infty$ and let v be a w-moderate weight. Then the following statements hold.

(a) $A_w \hookrightarrow B(W(L^p, L_v^q))$. More precisely, every $\mathcal{M} = \sum_x m_x T_x \in A_w$ defines a bounded operator on $W(L^p, L_v^q)$ given by the formula

$$\mathcal{M}(f) := \sum_{x} m_x f(\cdot - x).$$

The series defining $\mathcal{M}: W(L^p, L^q_v) \to W(L^p, L^q_v)$ converges absolutely in the norm of $W(L^p, L^q_v)$ and $\|\mathcal{M}\|_{B(W(L^p, L^q_v))} \leq C_v \|\mathcal{M}\|_{\mathcal{A}_w}$, where C_v is the constant in (4).

- (b) For every $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{A}_w$, $f \in W(L^p, L^q_v)$ and $g \in W(L^{p'}, L^{q'}_{1/v})$, $\langle \mathcal{M}(f), g \rangle = \langle f, \mathcal{M}^*(g) \rangle$.
- (c) For every $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{A}_w$, the operator $\mathcal{M} : W(L^p, L^q_v) \to W(L^p, L^q_v)$ is continuous in the $\sigma(W(L^p, L^q_v), W(L^{p'}, L^{q'}_{1/v}))$ -topology.

Proof. Part (a) follows immediately from (6) and (7). Part (b) follows from the fact that the involution in \mathcal{A}_w coincides with taking adjoint. The interchange of summation and integration is justified by the absolute convergence in part (a). Part (c) follows immediately from (b).

3.2. **Spectral invariance.** We now present our main technical result, and note that similar and more general results appear in [8, 9, 29]. Nonetheless, we include a self-contained proof of this result, since most of our subsequent results are based on it. The key ingredient in the proof is the identification of the algebra \mathcal{A}_w with a class of almost periodic elements associated with a certain group representation. We give a brief account of the theory as required for our purposes. For a more general presentation see [4] and references therein.

For $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\mathcal{M} \in B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$, $p \in [1, \infty]$, let $\rho(y)\mathcal{M} := M_y \mathcal{M} M_{-y}$, i.e.,

$$\rho(y)\mathcal{M}f(x) = e^{2\pi i y \cdot x}(\mathcal{M}g)(x) \ , \ g(x) = e^{-2\pi i y \cdot x}f(x)$$

The map $\rho: \mathbb{R}^d \to B(B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)))$ defines an isometric representation of \mathbb{R}^d on the algebra $B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$. This means that ρ is a representation of \mathbb{R}^d on the Banach space $B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ and, in addition, for each $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\rho(y)$ is an algebra automorphism and an isometry.

A continuous map $Y: \mathbb{R}^d \to B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ is almost-periodic in the sense of Bohr if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a compact $K = K_{\varepsilon} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$(x+K) \cap \{y \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid ||Y(g+y) - Y(g)|| < \varepsilon, \ \forall g \in \mathbb{R}^d\} \neq \emptyset$$

Then Y extends uniquely to a continuous map on the Bohr compactification $\hat{\mathbb{R}}_c^d$ of \mathbb{R}^d , also denoted by Y. Thus, now $Y:\hat{\mathbb{R}}_c^d\to B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$, where $\hat{\mathbb{R}}_c^d$ represents the topological dual group (i.e. the group of characters) of \mathbb{R}^d when \mathbb{R}^d is endowed with the discrete topology. The normalized Haar measure on $\hat{\mathbb{R}}_c^d$ is denoted by $\bar{\mu}(dy)$.

For each $\mathcal{M} \in B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$, we consider the map,

(15)
$$\widehat{\mathcal{M}}: \mathbb{R}^d \to B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)), \qquad \widehat{\mathcal{M}}(y) := \rho(y)\mathcal{M} = M_y \mathcal{M} M_{-y}.$$

An operator $\mathcal{M} \in B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ is said to be ρ -almost periodic if the map $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}$ is continuous and almost-periodic in the sense of Bohr. For every ρ -almost periodic operator \mathcal{M} , the function $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}$ admits a $B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ -valued Fourier series,

(16)
$$\widehat{\mathcal{M}}(y) \sim \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} e^{2\pi i y \cdot x} C_x(\mathcal{M}), \qquad (y \in \mathbb{R}^d).$$

The coefficients $C_x(\mathcal{M}) \in B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ in (16) are uniquely determined by \mathcal{M} via

$$C_x(\mathcal{M}) = \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_c^d} \widehat{\mathcal{M}}(y) e^{-2\pi i y \cdot x} \bar{\mu}(dy) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{(2T)^d} \int_{[-T,T]^d} \widehat{\mathcal{M}}(y) e^{-2\pi i y \cdot x} dy$$

and, therefore, satisfy

(18)
$$\rho(y)C_x(\mathcal{M}) = e^{2\pi i y \cdot x} C_x(\mathcal{M}).$$

Hence, they are eigenvectors of ρ (see [4] for details).

Within the class of ρ -almost periodic operators we consider $AP_w^p(\rho)$, the subclass of those operators for which the Fourier series in (16) is w-summable, where w is an admissible weight. More precisely, a ρ -almost periodic operator \mathcal{M} belongs to $AP_w^p(\rho)$ if its Fourier coefficients with respect to ρ satisfy

(19)
$$\|\mathcal{M}\|_{AP_w^p(\rho)} := \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \|C_x(\mathcal{M})\|_{B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))} w(x) < +\infty.$$

Since $w \geq 1$, for operators in $AP_w^p(\rho)$ the series in (16) converges absolutely in the norm of $B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ to $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}(y)$:

(20)
$$\widehat{\mathcal{M}}(y) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} e^{2\pi i y \cdot x} C_x(\mathcal{M}), \qquad y \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where each $C_x \in B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ satisfies (17) and, hence, (18). In particular, for y = 0, it follows that each $\mathcal{M} \in AP_w^p(\rho)$ can be written as

(21)
$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} C_x(\mathcal{M}).$$

Conversely, if \mathcal{M} is given by (21), with the coefficients C_x satisfying (19) and (18), it follows from the theory of almost-periodic series that $\mathcal{M} \in AP_w^p(\rho)$ and C_x satisfy (17).

A special case of [4, Theorem 3.2] proves the spectral invariance of $AP_w^p(\rho) \hookrightarrow B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$, $p \in [1, \infty]$. Our goal here is to establish connection between \mathcal{A}_w and $AP_w^p(\rho)$ and prove a spectral invariance result for \mathcal{A}_w .

To achieve this goal we first characterize the eigenvectors C_x of the representation ρ .

Lemma 1. For any $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and any $m \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $C_x = mT_x$ is an eigenvector of $\rho : \mathbb{R}^d \to B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$. For $1 \leq p < \infty$ these are the only eigenvectors.

Proof. If $C_x = mT_x$, then, according to (14), it satisfies (19).

The converse works only for $1 \leq p < \infty$. Suppose that $C_x \in B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ satisfies (19). Using (14) once again we have,

$$\rho(y)(C_x T_{-x}) = e^{2\pi i y \cdot x} C_x e^{-2\pi i y \cdot x} T_{-x} = C_x T_{-x}.$$

It follows that C_xT_{-x} commutes with every modulation M_y . Hence, C_xT_{-x} must be a multiplication operator m, so $C_x = mT_x$.

For $p = \infty$ there are eigenvectors of ρ which are not of the form mT_x . An example of such an eigenvector is given in [29, Section 5.1.11]. Hence, one would need additional conditions to conclude that $C_x = mT_x$ for some $m \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

From the discussion above, $AP_w^p(\rho)$ consists of all the operators $\mathcal{M} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} C_x$, with C_x satisfying (19) and (18). In addition, by the previous

lemma, for $1 \leq p < \infty$ an operator C_x satisfies (18) if and only if it is of the form $C_x = mT_x$, for some function $m \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. In this case, $\|C_x\|_{B(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))} = \|m\|_{\infty}$ and, thus, (19) reduces to (12). Hence we obtain

Proposition 2. For $p \in [1, \infty)$ the class $\mathcal{A}_w \subset B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ coincides with $AP_w^p(\rho)$, the class of ρ -almost periodic elements, having w-summable Fourier coefficients.

For $p = \infty$, the two classes are different. Nevertheless, the results we have obtained so far are sufficient to prove our main technical result.

Theorem 4. Let w be an admissible weight. Then, the embedding $A_w \hookrightarrow B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$, $p \in [1, \infty]$ is spectral. In other words, if $M \in A_w$ defines an invertible operator $\sum_x m_x T_x \in B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))$ for some $p \in [1, \infty]$, then $M^{-1} \in A_w$.

Proof. For $1 \le p \le \infty$ the result follows from Proposition 2 and [4, Theorem 3.2]. This last result states that $AP_w^p(\rho)$ is spectral.

For $p = \infty$ we follow a different path. Given an operator

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} m_x T_x \in \mathcal{A}_w \subset B(L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d))$$

with $\sum_{x\in\mathbb{R}^d} w(x) \|m_x\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)} < \infty$, we consider the operator

$$\mathcal{N} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} T_x(m_{-x}) T_x = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} m_{-x} (\cdot - x) T_x \in \mathcal{A}_w \subset B(L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)),$$

which is well defined since $||T_x(m_{-x})||_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)} = ||m_{-x}||_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)}$. By direct computation, the transpose \mathcal{N}' (Banach adjoint) of $\mathcal{N}: L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \to L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is precisely $\mathcal{M}: L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d) \to L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Thus, $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{N}'$ and by [30, Theorem 3, Chapter 20] it follows that \mathcal{N} is invertible when \mathcal{M} is invertible. Now, by spectrality of \mathcal{A}_w in $B(L^1(\mathbb{R}^d))$ (as obtained earlier) and [30, Theorem 8(ii), Chapter 15], we obtain that $\mathcal{M}^{-1} = (\mathcal{N}^{-1})' \in \mathcal{A}_w$, that is $\mathcal{M}^{-1} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} n_x T_x$ for some bounded functions n_x such that $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} w(x) ||n_x||_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)} < \infty$.

Remark 2. In [28] two of us used a special case of Theorem 4 for ρ-periodic (rather than ρ -almost periodic) operators in $B(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$. In [28, Example 2.1], however, we neglected to mention this restriction and erroneously implied that all of the operators in $B(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ were ρ -periodic.

The following spectral invariance property follows from Theorem 4, where we denote by $\sigma_p(\mathcal{M})$ and $\sigma_{\mathcal{A}_w}(\mathcal{M})$ the spectra of the operator $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{A}_w$ in the algebras $B(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)), p \in [1, \infty]$, and \mathcal{A}_w , respectively.

Corollary 1. Consider $\mathcal{M} = \sum_{x} m_x T_x \in \mathcal{A}_w$. Then $\sigma_p(\mathcal{M}) = \sigma_{\mathcal{A}_w}(\mathcal{M})$ for all $p \in [1, \infty]$.

We conclude the section with the following very important result.

Theorem 5. Assume that $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{A}_w$ satisfies $\mathcal{M}^* = \mathcal{M} = \sum_x m_x T_x$ and $A_r ||f||_r \leq ||\mathcal{M}f||_r$ for some $A_r > 0$ and all $f \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for some $r \in [1, \infty]$. Then $\mathcal{M}^{-1} \in \mathcal{A}_w$.

Moreover, suppose that $E \subseteq W(L^p, L_v^q)$, $1 \le p, q \le +\infty$, is a closed subspace (in the norm of $W(L^p, L_v^q)$) such that $\mathcal{M}E \subseteq E$. Then $\mathcal{M}^{-1}E \subseteq E$ and, as a consequence, ME = E.

Proof. From Corollary 1 we deduce that $\sigma_{\mathcal{A}_w}(\mathcal{M}) = \sigma_r(\mathcal{M}) = \sigma_2(\mathcal{M}) \subset \mathbb{R}$ since $\mathcal{M} \in B(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$ is self-adjoint. Recall that in Banach algebras every boundary point of the spectrum belongs to the approximative spectrum. The boundedness below condition, however, implies that 0 does not belong to the approximative spectrum of $\mathcal{M} \in B(L^r(\mathbb{R}^d))$. Hence, $0 \notin \sigma_r(\mathcal{M})$ and, by Theorem 4, $\mathcal{M}^{-1} \in \mathcal{A}_w$.

To prove the second part, let $\mathcal{A}_w(E)$ be the subalgebra of \mathcal{A}_w formed by all those operators S such that $SE \subseteq E$. Since E is closed in $W(L^p, L_v^q)$

and $\mathcal{A}_w \hookrightarrow B(W(L^p, L^q_v))$ by Proposition 1, it follows that $\mathcal{A}_w(E)$ is a closed subalgebra of \mathcal{A}_w (we do not claim that it is closed under the involution). From the first part of the proof it follows that the set $\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma_{\mathcal{A}_w}(\mathcal{M})$ is connected. Consequently, (see for example [12, Theorem VII 5.4]), $\sigma_{\mathcal{A}_w(E)}(\mathcal{M}) = \sigma_{\mathcal{A}_w}(\mathcal{M})$. Finally, $0 \notin \sigma_{\mathcal{A}_w}(\mathcal{M}) = \sigma_{\mathcal{A}_w(E)}(\mathcal{M})$ which proves that $\mathcal{M}^{-1} \in \mathcal{A}_w(E)$, as desired.

4. Dual Gabor frames on amalgam spaces

4.1. Multi-window Gabor frames. Let $\Lambda = \Lambda^1 \times ... \times \Lambda^n$ be the Cartesian product of separable lattices $\Lambda^i = \alpha_i \mathbb{Z}^d \times \beta_i \mathbb{Z}^d$ and let $g^1, ..., g^n \in W(L^{\infty}, L^1_w)$. We consider the (multi-window) Gabor system

$$\mathcal{G} = \{ g_{\lambda^i}^i := \pi(\lambda^i) g^i \mid \lambda^i \in \Lambda^i, 1 \le i \le n \}.$$

We view the system \mathcal{G} as an indexed set, so that \mathcal{G} might contain repeated elements. The frame operator of the system \mathcal{G} is given by,

$$S_{\mathcal{G}} = S_{g^1,\Lambda^1} + \dots S_{g^n,\Lambda^n},$$

where $S_{g^i,\Lambda^i} = R_{g^i,\Lambda^i}C_{g^i,\Lambda^i}$ (see Section 2.2). For $1 \leq p, q \leq +\infty$ and a w-moderate weight v, we define the space $S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda) := S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda^1) \times \ldots \times S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda^n)$ endowed with the norm,

$$||c = (c^1, \dots, c^n)||_{S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda)} := \sum_{i=1}^n ||c^i||_{S_v^{p,q}(\Lambda^i)}.$$

The analysis map is $W(L^p, L^q_v) \ni f \mapsto C_{\mathcal{G}}(f) := (C_{g^i,\Lambda^i}(f))_{1 \le i \le n} \in S^{p,q}_v(\Lambda)$, while the synthesis map is $S^{p,q}_v \ni c \mapsto R_{\mathcal{G}}(c) := \sum_{i=1}^n R_{g^i,\Lambda^i}(c^i) \in W(L^p, L^q_v)$. With these definitions, the boundedness results in Theorem 1 extend immediately to the multi-window case. The frame expansions are more complicated, however, since the dual system of a frame of the form of \mathcal{G} may not be a multi-window Gabor frame. We now investigate this matter.

4.2. Invertibility of the frame operator and expansions.

Theorem 6. Let w be an admissible weight, $g^1, \ldots, g^n \in W(L^{\infty}, L^1_w)$, and $\Lambda = \Lambda^1 \times \ldots \times \Lambda^n$, with $\Lambda^i = \alpha_i \mathbb{Z}^d \times \beta_i \mathbb{Z}^d$ separable lattices. Suppose that the Gabor system

$$\mathcal{G} = \{ g_{\lambda^i}^i := \pi(\lambda^i) g^i \mid \lambda^i \in \Lambda^i, 1 \le i \le n \},\$$

is such that its frame operator $S_{\mathcal{G}}$ is bounded below in $L^r(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for some $r \in [1, \infty]$, i.e.

$$A_r ||f||_r \le ||S_{\mathcal{G}}f||_r, \ A_r > 0, \quad \text{for all } f \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

Then the frame operator $S_{\mathcal{G}}$ is invertible on $W(L^p, L^q_v)$ for all $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ and every w-moderate weight v. Moreover, the inverse operator $S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}$: $W(L^p, L^q_v) \to W(L^p, L^q_v)$ is continuous both in $\sigma(W(L^p, L^q_v), W(L^{p'}, L^{q'}_{1/v}))$ and the norm topologies.

Proof. For each $1 \leq i \leq n$, the frame operator $S_{g^i,\Lambda^i} = R_{g^i,\Lambda^i}C_{g^i,\Lambda^i}$ belongs to the algebra \mathcal{A}_w as a consequence of the Walnut representation in Theorem 3. Hence, $S_{\mathcal{G}} = S_{g^1,\Lambda^1} + \dots S_{g^n,\Lambda^n} \in \mathcal{A}_w$. Since $S_{\mathcal{G}}$ is bounded below in $L^r(\mathbb{R}^d)$, Theorem 5 implies that $S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1} \in \mathcal{A}_w$. The conclusion now follows from Proposition 1.

We now derive the corresponding Gabor expansions.

Theorem 7. Under the conditions of Theorem 6, define the dual atoms by $\tilde{g}_{\lambda^i}^i := S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}(g_{\lambda^i}^i)$. Let $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ and v be a w-moderate weight. Then the following expansions hold.

(a) For every $f \in W(L^p, L^q_v)$,

$$f = \lim_{N,M\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{|k|_{\infty} \leq N} \sum_{|j|_{\infty} \leq M} r_{\beta_{i}j,M} \left\langle f, \tilde{g}_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i} \right\rangle g_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i}$$
$$= \lim_{N,M\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{|k|_{\infty} \leq N} \sum_{|j|_{\infty} \leq M} r_{\beta_{i}j,M} \left\langle f, g_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i} \right\rangle \tilde{g}_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i},$$

where the regularizing weights $r_{\beta,j,M}$ are given in (8) and the series converge in the $\sigma(W(L^p, L^q_v), W(L^{p'}, L^{q'}_{1/v}))$ -topology. For $p, q < +\infty$ the series also converge in the norm of $W(L^p, L^q_v)$.

(b) If $1 and <math>q < \infty$, for every $f \in W(L^p, L_v^q)$

$$f = \lim_{N,M\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{|k|_{\infty} \leq N} \sum_{|j|_{\infty} \leq M} \left\langle f, \tilde{g}_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i} \right\rangle g_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i}$$
$$= \lim_{N,M\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{|k|_{\infty} \leq N} \sum_{|j|_{\infty} \leq M} \left\langle f, g_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i} \right\rangle \tilde{g}_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i},$$

where the series converge in the norm of $W(L^p, L_v^q)$.

Remark 3. A more refined convergence statement, including more sophisticated summability methods can be obtained using the results in [16].

Proof. Theorem 2 implies that for all $f \in W(L^p, L_v^q)$,

(22)
$$S_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = \lim_{N,M \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{|k|_{\infty} < N} \sum_{|j|_{\infty} < M} r_{\beta_{i}j,M} \left\langle f, g_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i} \right\rangle g_{(\alpha_{i}k,\beta_{i}j)}^{i},$$

with the kind of convergence required in (a). Since $S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1} \in \mathcal{A}_w$, Proposition 1 implies that $S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1} : W(L^p, L_v^q) \to W(L^p, L_v^q)$ is continuous both in the norm and $\sigma(W(L^p, L_v^q), W(L^{p'}, L_{1/v}^{q'}))$ -topology. Consequently, we can apply $S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}$ to both sides of (22) to obtain the first expansion in (a). The second one follows by applying (22) to the function $S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}(f)$ and using Proposition 1 to get,

$$\langle S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}(f), g_{\lambda^i}^i \rangle = \langle f, S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}(g_{\lambda^i}^i) \rangle = \langle f, \tilde{g}_{\lambda^i}^i \rangle.$$

The statement in (b) follows similarly, this time using the corresponding statement in Theorem 2. \Box

4.3. Continuity of dual generators. We now apply Theorem 5 to Gabor expansions.

Theorem 8. In the conditions of Theorem 6, let $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ and let v be a w-moderate weight. Let $E \subseteq W(L^p, L^q_v)$ be a closed subspace (in the norm of $W(L^p, L^q_v)$) such that $S_{\mathcal{G}}E \subseteq E$. Suppose that the atoms $g^1, \ldots, g^n \in E$. Then the dual atoms, $\tilde{g}^i_{\lambda^i} = S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}(g^i_{\lambda^i}) \in E$.

Proof. As seen in the proof of Theorem 6, $S_{\mathcal{G}} \in \mathcal{A}_w$. Hence, the conclusion follows from Theorem 5.

As an application of Theorem 8 we obtain the following corollary, which was one of our main goals. The case n=1 was an open problem in [28].

Corollary 2. In the conditions of Theorem 6, if all the atoms g^1, \ldots, g^n are continuous functions, so are all the dual atoms $\tilde{g}^i_{\lambda^i} = S_{\mathcal{G}}^{-1}(g^i_{\lambda^i})$.

Proof. We apply Theorem 8 to the subspace $W(C_0, L_w^1)$ formed by the functions of $W(L^\infty, L_w^1)$ that are continuous. To this end we need to observe that $S_{\mathcal{G}}W(C_0, L_w^1) \subseteq W(C_0, L_w^1)$. Since $S_{\mathcal{G}} = S_{g^1,\Lambda^1} + \dots S_{g^n,\Lambda^n}$, it suffices to show that each S_{g^i,Λ^i} maps $W(C_0, L_w^1)$ into $W(C_0, L_w^1)$.

Let $f \in W(C_0, L_w^1)$. The Walnut representation of S_{g^i,Λ^i} in Theorem 3 gives $S_{g^i,\Lambda^i}(f) = \beta_i^{-d} \sum_j G_j^i T_{j/\beta_i} f$ with absolute convergence in the norm of $W(L^\infty, L_w^1)$. Hence it suffices to observe that each of the functions G_j^i is continuous. According to Theorem 3 these are given by

$$G_j^i(x) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \overline{g^i(x - j/\beta_i - \alpha_i k)} g^i(x - \alpha_i k).$$

Since the function g^i is continuous it suffices to note that in the last series the convergence is locally uniform. This is an easy consequence of the fact that $\|g^i\|_{W(L^\infty,L^1_{w})}<\infty$.

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