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underflow. From the definition of $\tilde{s}$ it follows that

$$L(\tilde{s}) = \frac{L(s')}{K},$$

and that the amounts of information will change by $(1/K)q_i(0)$ in the nodes of $V_s$, and by zero in the nodes of $V'$. That is, with schedule $\tilde{s}$ the information in the source nodes will be reduced by $1/K$ of the amount by which it would be reduced if $s'$ was applied and the length of the schedule $\tilde{s}$ will be $K$ times less than that of $s'$. In addition, (2.5) ensures that underflow does not occur during the execution of $S_s$. Also, since the information in the intermediate nodes (i.e., those of $V'$) remains unchanged during the execution of the schedule $s'$, that schedule can be repeated. Consider now a schedule that consists of $K$ repetitions of the schedule $\tilde{s}$; obviously this repetition schedule has length equal to $L(s')$ and transfers all of the information from the source nodes to the destinations; furthermore, it has link activation vector equal to $f$. What is left is the amount of information $\delta$, that we assumed was residing in each node of $V'$. Since the only assumption about that information was that it be greater than zero, we can take it to be arbitrarily small. Thus, we can consider that these amounts $\delta$, are transferred to the link activation vector $f$. Thus, the final schedule $s$ is the schedule that consists of the concatenation of the schedule that transfers the initial amounts of information to the nodes of $V'$ from the source nodes, the $K$ repetitions of $\tilde{s}$ and the schedule that transfers to the destinations the information remaining in the nodes of $V'$.

We can proceed now with the proof of the theorem.

Proof of Theorem 1: Since every $q_i$-admissible schedule satisfies (2.3), we have

$$S_{e_i} = \bigcup_{f \in F} S_{e_i}(f).$$

Hence, we have

$$\inf_{s \in S_{e_i}} L(s) = \min_{f \in F} \left\{ \inf_{s \in S_{e_i}} L(s) \right\}. \quad (2.6)$$

From (2.6) and in view of Lemmas 1 and 2, we obtain

$$\inf_{s \in S} L(s) = \min_{f \in F} \left\{ \inf_{s \in S} L(s) \right\}. \quad (2.7)$$

The infimum on the right-hand side of (2.7) can be actually achieved by a schedule in $S_f$ as we show in the following. Consider all possible transmission sets $T_1, \ldots, T_N$ of the network. For every schedule $s' \in S_f$, $s' = \{ (\tau_i, T_i) : i = 1, \ldots, M' \}$, consider the schedule $s = (\{ (\tau_i, T_i) : i = 1, \ldots, M' \}$, where $\tau_i$ is the sum of those $\tau_j$'s for which the corresponding $T_j$'s are the same set $T$. Clearly, we have

$$L(s) = L(s')$$

and $f = f_s$. Therefore, $s \in S_f$. Thus, it follows that the solution of the optimization problem $(P')$ defined as

$$\min_{i=1}^{N} \tau_i$$

subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^{M} \tau_i T_i = f, \quad \tau_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \ldots, M,$$

is equal to $\inf_{s \in S} L(s)$ and the $\tau_i$'s that achieve the minimum provide the optimal schedule.

Remark: In order to obtain the optimal value in $(P)$ we need to solve $(P')$. After we obtain the optimal value in $(P)$ as a function of $f$, we optimize further by choosing $f \in F$. These two optimization problems have been studied in [1] and algorithms for their solution have been proposed.

III. CONCLUSION

The results in this correspondence can be useful in the process of topological design of a Packet Radio Network. There are still important problems associated with joint routing and scheduling that remain unaddressed. Specifically, the case of unequal link capacities, the case of multiple commodities that need to be routed, and, most importantly, the case of evacuation but, rather, sustained network operation under random message generation remain unresolved and, largely, unaddressed.

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The Zak Transform and Some Counterexamples in Time-Frequency Analysis

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Abstract—It is shown how the Zak transform can be used to find nontrivial examples of functions $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{Z})$ with $f : g = 0 \neq F \cdot G$, where $F, G$ are the Fourier transforms of $f, g$, respectively. This is then used to exhibit a nontrivial pair of functions $h, k \in L^2(\mathbb{Z})$, $h \neq k$, such that $|h| = |k|$, $|H| = |K|$. A similar construction is used to find an abundance of nontrivial pairs of functions $h, k \in L^2(\mathbb{Z})$, $h \neq k$, with $|A_h| \neq |A_k|$ or with $|W_h| \neq |W_k|$, where $A_h, A_k, W_h, W_k$ are

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the ambiguity functions and Wigner distributions of \( h, k \), respectively. One of the examples of a pair of \( h, k \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), h \neq k \), with \( \| h \| = \| k \| \) is F. A. Grünbaum’s example given previously. We find, in addition, nontrivial examples of functions \( g \) and signals \( f_1, f_2 \) such that \( f_1 \) and \( f_2 \) have the same spectrogram when using \( g \) as window.

Index Terms—Zak transform, ambiguity function, spectrogram.

I. INTRODUCTION

In [1], F. A. Grünbaum presents a nontrivial example of two functions \( h, k \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) such that \( \| h \| = \| k \| \). By nontrivial we mean that \( h \) and \( k \) cannot be obtained from one another by a time-frequency translate or by multiplication by a \( c \in \mathbb{C} \), \( | c | = 1 \). Here, \( A \) refers to the ambiguity function: when \( f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \), the ambiguity function \( A_{f,g} \) of \( f \) and \( g \) is defined by

\[
A_{f,g}(\theta, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i \theta s} f(s + \tau) g^*(s - \tau) \, ds, \quad \theta, \tau \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.1}
\]

When \( f = g \), we write \( A_f \) instead of \( A_{f,f} \). The purpose of this note is to show that Grünbaum’s example is a particular case of a whole class of such examples that can be constructed by using the Zak transform. A second purpose is to present similar examples, by similar constructions, of Fourier pairs, spectrograms and Wigner distributions.

The Zak transform of an \( f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) is defined by

\[
(Zf)(\tau, \Omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i k \Omega} f(\tau + k), \quad \tau, \Omega \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.2}
\]

We recall here the properties of the Zak transform needed for the present purposes. We have the following, cf. [2].

1) \( Z \) is a Hilbert space isometry of \( L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) onto \( L^2([- \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]) \).

More precisely, when \( Z(\tau, \Omega) \) is a function satisfying

\[
Z(\tau, \Omega + 1) = Z(\tau, \Omega), \quad \tau, \Omega \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.3}
\]

and \( Z \in L^2([- \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]) \), there is exactly one \( f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) such that \( Z = Zf \). Conversely, \( Zf \in L^2([- \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]) \) and \( Zf \) satisfies the (quasi) periodicity relations (1.3) when \( f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \).

\[
(Zf, Zg) = (f, g), \quad f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}). \tag{1.4}
\]

where the left-hand side inner product is that in \( L^2([- \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]) \) and the right-hand side inner product is that in \( L^2(\mathbb{R}) \).

2) For \( f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) we have the formulas

\[
f(\tau) = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} (Zf)(\tau, \omega) \, d\omega, \quad F(\omega) = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{2\pi i \omega \tau} (Zf)(\tau, \omega) \, d\tau, \quad \tau, \omega \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.5}
\]

where \( F \) denotes the Fourier transform of \( f \).

\[
F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i \omega t} f(t) \, dt, \quad \omega \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.6}
\]

3) For \( f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) we have the formula

\[
(Zf)(\tau, \Omega)(Zg)^* (\tau, \Omega) = \sum_{n,m} (f, R_{-n}g) e^{-2\pi i n \Omega + 2\pi i m \tau}, \tag{1.7}
\]

where for \( a, b \in \mathbb{R} \) the operators \( T_a, R_b \) are, time, frequency shifts defined by

\[
(T_a f)(t) = f(t + a), \quad (R_b f)(t) = e^{-2\pi i b t} f(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.8}
\]

4) We have for \( f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), a, b \in \mathbb{R} \),

\[
(ZT_a f)(\tau, \Omega) = (Zf)(\tau + a, \Omega), \quad (ZR_b f)(\tau, \Omega) = e^{-2\pi i b \tau} (Zf)(\tau, \Omega + b). \tag{1.9}
\]

Formula (1.7) provides an important link between the Zak transform and the ambiguity function since

\[
A_{f,g}(\theta, \tau) = e^{2\pi i \Omega \theta} (Zf, Zg)(\tau, \Omega), \quad \theta, \tau \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.10}
\]

II. THE EXAMPLES

Example 1: \( f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) such that \( f \cdot g = 0 = F \cdot G \).

Let \( U \) and \( V \) be two subsets of \( [- \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \) such that for any \( \tau, \Omega \in [- \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \)

\[
\rho(U) \rho(V) = \rho(U) \rho(V) = 0. \tag{2.1}
\]

Here,

\[
U = \{ \Omega \mid (\tau, \Omega) \in U \}, \quad U^\circ = \{ \tau \mid (\tau, \Omega) \in U \}, \quad \text{etc.,} \tag{2.2}
\]

and \( \mu \) is Lebesgue measure on \( [- \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \). Let \( \varphi, \psi \in L^2([- \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}], \mathbb{R}) \) have their supports in \( U, V \), respectively, and extend \( \varphi, \psi \) quasi-periodically according to (1.3) to all of \( \mathbb{R}^2 \). Then \( \varphi = Zf, \psi = Zg \) for some \( f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \), and, as readily follows from 2), we have \( f \cdot g = 0 = F \cdot G \).

Note: In terms of ambiguity functions we have here an example of an \( f, g \) such that \( A_{f,g}(0,0) = A_{f,g}(\theta, \tau) \) for all \( \theta, \tau \in \mathbb{R} \). That \( A_{f,g} \) cannot vanish identically follows from

\[
\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} |A_{f,g}(\theta, \tau)|^2 \, d\theta \, d\tau = \| f \|^2 \| g \|^2. \tag{2.3}
\]

Example 2: \( h, k \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), h \neq k \), such that \( |h| = |k| \), \( |H| = |K| \).

It is easy to find such \( h, k \) as follows. Let \( h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) be such that \( |h(t)| = |h(t - \tau)| \), and set \( k(t) = h^*(t - \tau) \). Then \( K(\omega) = H^*(\omega) \), so that \( |K| = |H| \). A less trivial example is obtained by setting \( h = f + g, k = f - g \), with \( f, g \) as in Example 1, so that \( |h| = |f| + |g| = |k| \), \( |H| = |F| + |G| = |K| \).

Example 3: For the next set of examples we need a lemma on the supporting sets of ambiguity functions.

Lemma 1: Denote for \( f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) by \( S_f \) the supporting set of \( Zf \) (by (1.3) this set is periodic in both variables). Furthermore, denote
for \( f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) and \( \tau_0, \Omega_0 \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \) by \( S_f(\tau_0, \Omega_0) \) the set
\[
S_f(\tau_0, \Omega_0) = \{(\tau + \tau_0, \Omega + \Omega_0)(\tau, \Omega) \in \Sigma_f\}.
\]
(2.4)

Finally, denote for \( f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) by \( \Sigma_{f,g} \) the set
\[
\sum_{f,g} = \{(\tau_0, \Omega_0) \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^2 \mid \mu_2(S_f \cap S_g(\tau_0, \Omega_0)) \neq 0\}
\]
(2.5)

Here, \( \mu_2 \) is Lebesgue measure in \( \mathbb{R}^2 \). Then \( A_{f,g} \) is supported by the set \( V_{f,g} \) given by
\[
V_{f,g} = \{(n + \tau_0, m + \Omega_0) \mid n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, (\tau_0, \Omega_0) \in \sum_{f,g}\}.
\]
(2.6)

Proof: We combine (1.7), (1.9), and (1.10) to obtain
\[
e^{-2\pi i t \Omega_0} (Zf)(\tau, \Omega)(Zg)^* = \sum_{n,m} e^{-2\pi i n(m + \Omega_0)(\tau + \tau_0)} A_{f,g}(m + \Omega_0, n + \tau_0) e^{2\pi i n(m + \Omega_0)}
\]
(2.7)

for \( \tau, \tau_0, \Omega, \Omega_0 \in \mathbb{R} \). Now we have for \( \tau_0, \Omega_0 \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \) that
\[
A_{f,g}(m + \Omega_0, n + \tau_0) = 0, \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z},
\]
(2.8)

if and only if
\[
\mu_2(S_f \cap S_g(\tau_0, \Omega_0)) = 0.
\]
(2.9)

Since any point \((\theta, \tau) \in \mathbb{R}^2\) can be written as \((m + \Omega_0, n + \tau_0)\) for some \(n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, (\tau_0, \Omega_0) \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^2\), the lemma follows.

To give some insight how the lemma can be used to construct counterexamples, we present Figs. 1–4. Observe that \( \Sigma_{f,f} = -\Sigma_{f,f} \), so that \( \Sigma_{f,f} \) is symmetric about the origin.

With the aid of Lemma 1, one can construct functions \( f \) whose ambiguity function \( A_f \) has, in the terminology of Price and Hofstetter [3], volume-clearance around the origin arbitrarily close to 4. That is, for any \( \delta > 0, \epsilon > 0 \), there is an \( f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) and a convex set \( C \) with \( \mu_2(C) \geq 4 - \delta \) so that \( A_f(\theta, \tau) = 0 \) for \( (\theta, \tau) \in C \), \( \delta^2 + \tau^2 \geq \epsilon^2 \). One can take for \( f \) any function whose Zak trans is concentrated in a small disk around the origin. The volume-clearance result in [3] says that \( \mu_2(C) \) cannot exceed 4. As a limiting case, when \( \epsilon = 0, \delta = 0 \), one can take \( f = \sum_{n,k} \delta_0 \) so that \( A_f(\theta, \tau) = \sum_{n,k} \delta_0(\theta) \delta_0(\tau) \) (here, \( \delta_0 \) is the delta function at \( 0 \)).

Example 4: \( h, k \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \), \( k \neq k \), such that \( |A^2| = |A^2| \). It is easy to see that we have \(|A^2| = |A^2|\) when \( h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) and \( k = c R_k T_x h \) for some \( a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \), \( c \in \mathbb{Z} \), \( |c| = 1 \). Less trivial examples can be constructed as follows. Take \( f = f_1, g = g_1 \) as in Fig. 3. Now we have
\[
\sum_{f,g} = \sum_{f,g} \sum_{f,g} = \sum_{f,g} \sum_{f,g} = \sum_{f,g} \sum_{f,g} = \mathbb{R}.
\]
(2.10)

Hence, \( A_{f,g} = A_{f,g} = 0 \), etc. When we set \( h = f + g, k = f - g \) and observe that
\[
A_{f \pm g} = A_{f \pm g} = A_{f \pm g},
\]
we readily see that \( |A^2| = |A^2| \). An example of this situation of the Grünbaum type is given in Fig. 4. Grünbaum considers functions \( f \) and \( g \) with support in \(|t| \leq 1 \) and \( 4 \leq |t| \leq 5 \), respectively. By appropriate translation and scaling, it can be achieved that \( f \) and \( g \) have their supports in intervals \((e, 2e)\) and \((\frac{1}{2} - 2e, \frac{1}{2} - e)\). It follows from the definition of the Zak transform that \( S_f \) and \( S_g \) are as in Fig. 4. Again, we have a situation in which (2.10) holds.

Example 5: \( h, k \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), k = k \), such that \( |A^2| = |A^2| \). When \( f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \) we define the Wigner distribution of \( f \) and \( g \) by
\[
W_{f,g}(t, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i t \omega} f(t + \frac{1}{2} s) g^*(t - \frac{1}{2} s) d\omega,
\]
(2.12)

Unlike the ambiguity function, \( W_{f,g} \) is always real. We have
\[
W_{f,g}(t, \omega) = 2 A_{f, g}(2\omega, 2t), \quad t, \omega \in \mathbb{R}.
\]
(2.13)
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