

# Directional Wavelet Bases Construction on Dyadic Quincunx Lattice

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## *Abstract*

We construct directional wavelet systems that will enable building efficient signal representation schemes with good direction selectivity. In particular, we focus on wavelet bases on a dyadic quincunx lattice. In our previous work [9], We show that the supports of orthonormal wavelets in our framework are discontinuous in the frequency domain, yet this irregularity constraint can be avoided in frames, even with redundancy factor less than 2. In this paper, we focus on the extension of orthonormal wavelets to biorthogonal wavelets and show that the same obstruction of regularity as in orthonormal schemes exists in bi-orthogonal schemes. In addition, we provide a numerical algorithm for biorthogonal wavelets construction where the dual wavelets can be optimized at the cost of deteriorating the primal wavelets due to the intrinsic irregularity of biorthogonal schemes.

## 1 Introduction

In image compression and analysis, 2D tensor wavelet schemes are widely used. Despite the time-frequency localization inherited from 1D wavelet, 2D tensor wavelets suffer from poor orientation selectivity: only horizontal or vertical edges are well represented by tensor wavelets. To obtain better representation of 2D images, several directional wavelet schemes have been proposed and applied to image processing, such as directional wavelet filterbanks (DFB) and various extensions.

Conventional DFB [1] divides the square frequency domain associated with a regular 2D lattice into eight equi-angular pairs of triangles; such schemes can be critically downsampled (maximally decimated) with perfect reconstruction (PR), but they typically do not have a multi-resolution structure. Different approaches have been proposed to generalize DFB to multi-resolution systems, including non-uniform DFB (nuDFB), contourlets, curvelets, shearlets and dual-tree wavelets. nuDFB is introduced in [2] based on multi-resolution analysis (MRA), where at each level of decomposition the square frequency domain is divided into

a high frequency outer ring and a central low frequency domain. For nuDFB, the high frequency ring is primarily divided further into six equi-angular pairs of trapezoids and the central low frequency square is kept intact for division in the next level of decomposition, see Fig. 1. The nuDFB filters are solved by optimization which provides a non-unique near orthogonal or bi-orthogonal solution depending on the initialization. Contourlets [3] combine the Laplacian pyramid scheme with DFB which has PR but with redundancy  $4/3$  inherited from the Laplacian pyramid. Shearlet [4, 5] and curvelet [6] systems construct a multi-resolution partition of the frequency domain by applying shear or rotation operators to a generator function in each level of frequency decomposition. Available shearlet and curvelet implementations have redundancy at least 4; moreover, the factor may grow with the number of directions in the decomposition level. Dual-tree wavelets [7] are linear combinations of 2D tensor wavelets (corresponding to multi-resolution systems) that constitute an approximate Hilbert transform pair, where the high frequency ring is divided into pairs of squares of different directional preference.

However, none of these multi-resolution schemes is PR, critically downsampled and regularized (localized in both time and frequency). In the framework of nuDFB ([2]), it was shown by Durand [8] that it is impossible to construct orthonormal filters localized in frequency without discontinuity in their frequency support, or – equivalently – regularized filters without aliasing. His construction of directional filters uses compositions of 2-band filters associated to quincunx lattice, similar to that of uniform DFB in [2]; as pointed out in [2] the overall composed filters are not alias-free. It is not clear whether Durand’s argument also precludes the existence of a regularized wavelet system, if one slightly weakens the set of conditions.

To study this question, we consider multi-resolution directional wavelets corresponding to the same partition of frequency domain as nuDFB and build a framework to analyze the equivalent conditions of PR for critically downsampled as well as more general redundant schemes. In our previous work [9], we show that in MRA on a dyadic quincunx lattice, PR is equivalent to an identity condition and a set of shift-cancellation conditions closely related to the frequency support of filters and their downsampling scheme. Based on these two conditions, we rederived Durand’s discontinuity result of orthonormal schemes; we also show that a slight relaxation of conditions allows frames with redundancy less than 2 that circumvent the regularity limitation. Furthermore, we have an explicit approach to construct such regularized directional wavelet frames by smoothing the Fourier transform of the irregular directional wavelets. The main contribution of this paper is that we extend our previous work and show that the same obstruction to regularity as in orthonormal schemes exists in bi-orthogonal schemes. Different from our previous approach in the orthonormal case, our analysis of bi-orthogonal schemes is inspired by Cohen et al’s approach in [10] for numerical construction of compactly supported symmetric wavelet bases on a hexagonal lattice. We extend and adapt their numerical construction to our bi-orthogonal setting.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we set up the framework of an MRA with dyadic quincunx downsampling. In Section 3, we review the regularity analysis of orthonormal schemes and its extension to frames in [9]. In particular, we derive two conditions, *identity summation* and *shift cancellation*, equivalent to perfect reconstruction in this MRA with critical downsampling. These lead to the classification of *regular/singular* boundaries of the frequency partition and a *relaxed shift-cancellation* condition for low-redundancy MRA frame allows better regularity of the directional wavelets. In Section 4, we extend the orthonormal schemes to bi-orthogonal schemes as well as the corresponding *identity summation* and *shift cancellation* conditions. We then introduce Cohen et al's approach in [10] and adapt it to the regularity analysis on our bi-orthogonal schemes due to these conditions. We show that the bi-orthogonal schemes have the same irregularity as in the orthonormal schemes. In Section 5, we propose a numerical algorithm for the construction of bi-orthogonal schemes along with further analysis on the regularity constraints. Finally, we present numerical results of our algorithm in Section 6, conclude our current work and discuss future work in Section 7.

## 2 Framework Setup

We summarize 2D-MRA systems and the relation between frequency domain partition and sub-lattice of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  with critical downsampling following [9].

### 2.1 Notations and conventions

Throughout this paper, we use upper case bold font for matrices (*e.g.*  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$ ), lower case bold font for vectors (*e.g.*  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$ ) and upper case italics for subsets (*e.g.*  $C_1, C_2$ ) of the frequency domain. We denote the conjugate transpose of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  by  $\mathbf{A}^*$ . For  $\mathbf{a}$  in a  $d$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ , we use the convention  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^{d \times 1}$  and  $\mathbf{a}^*$  for its conjugate row vector.

We adopt conventions typically used in scientific computing programs and packages. For matrices and vectors, the indexing of rows and columns starts with zero. For the axes of the frequency plane, we denote the vertical axis as  $\omega_1$ -axis increasing from top to bottom and the horizontal axis as  $\omega_2$ -axis increasing from left to right, *e.g.* Figure 1.

### 2.2 Multi-resolution analysis and sub-lattice sampling

In an MRA, given a scaling function  $\phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , s.t.  $\|\phi\|_2 = 1$ , the base approximation space is defined as  $V_0 = \overline{\text{span}\{\phi_{0,\mathbf{k}}\}_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2}}$ , where  $\phi_{0,\mathbf{k}} = \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{k})$ . If  $\langle \phi_{0,\mathbf{k}}, \phi_{0,\mathbf{k}'} \rangle = \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}$ , then  $\{\phi_{0,\mathbf{k}}\}$  is an orthonormal

basis of  $V_0$ . In addition,  $\phi$  is associated with a scaling matrix  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{Z}^{2 \times 2}$ , s.t. the dilated scaling function  $\phi_1(\mathbf{x}) = |\mathbf{D}|^{-1/2} \phi(\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{x})$  is a linear combination of  $\phi_{0,\mathbf{k}}$ . Equivalently,  $\exists m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = m_0(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ ,  $2\pi$ -periodic in  $\omega_1, \omega_2$ , s.t. in the frequency domain

$$\widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{D}^T \boldsymbol{\omega}) = m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \widehat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}). \quad (1)$$

The recursive expression (1) of  $\widehat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  implies that

$$\widehat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = (2\pi)^{-1} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} m_0(\mathbf{D}^{-k} \boldsymbol{\omega}), \quad (2)$$

where we have implicitly assumed that  $\phi \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and  $\int \phi dx = 1$  (which follows from the other constraints if  $\phi$  has some decay at  $\infty$ ).

Let  $\phi_{l,\mathbf{k}} = \phi(\mathbf{D}^{-l}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{k})$  and  $V_l = \overline{\text{span}\{\phi_{l,\mathbf{k}}; \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2\}}$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$  be the nested approximation spaces. Define  $W_l$  as the orthogonal complement of  $V_l$  with respect to  $V_{l-1}$  in MRA. Suppose there are  $J$  wavelet functions  $\psi^j \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq J$ , and  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{Z}^{2 \times 2}$ , s.t.

$$W_l = \bigcup_{j=1}^J W_l^j = \bigcup_{j=1}^J \overline{\text{span}\{\psi_{l,\mathbf{k}}^j; \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Q}\mathbb{Z}^2\}} = \bigcup_{j=1}^J \overline{\text{span}\{\psi^j(\mathbf{D}^{-l}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{k}); \mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{Q}\mathbb{Z}^2\}},$$

an  $L$ -level multi-resolution system with base space  $V_0$  is then spanned by

$$V_L \oplus \bigoplus_{l=1}^L \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^J W_l^j \right) = \{\phi_{L,\mathbf{k}}, \psi_{l,\mathbf{k}'}^j, 1 \leq l \leq L, \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2, \mathbf{k}' \in \mathbf{Q}\mathbb{Z}^2, 1 \leq j \leq J\}. \quad (3)$$

As  $W_1 \subset V_0$ , each rescaled wavelet  $\psi^j(\mathbf{D}^{-1}\cdot)$  is also a linear combination of  $\phi_{0,\mathbf{k}}$ , so that  $\exists m_j$  analogous to  $m_0$  satisfying

$$\widehat{\psi}^j(\mathbf{D}^T \boldsymbol{\omega}) = m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \widehat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}), \quad 1 \leq j \leq J. \quad (4)$$

### 2.3 Frequency domain partition and critical downsampling

Consider the canonical frequency square,  $S_0 = [-\pi, \pi) \times [-\pi, \pi)$  associated with the lattice  $\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{Z}^2$ . For  $L = 1$ , the 1-level decomposition (3) together with (1) and (4) implies that the union of the support of  $m_j$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq J$  covers  $S_0$ . Furthermore,  $\exists C_j \subset \text{supp}(m_j)$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq J$ , such that they form a partition of  $S_0$ ; conversely, given a partition  $C_j$  of  $S_0$ , we may construct an MRA where  $m_j$  are “mainly” supported on  $C_j$  (this will become more explicit in Section 4.3). To build an orthonormal basis with good directional selectivity, we choose the partition of  $S_0$  shown in the left of Figure 1, which is the same for Example B in [8] and the least redundant shearlet system [12]. In this partition,  $S_0$  is divided into a central square  $C_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} S_0$  and a ring: the ring is further cut into six pairs of directional trapezoids  $C_j$  by lines passing through the origin with slopes  $\pm 1, \pm 3$  and  $\pm \frac{1}{3}$ . The central square  $C_0$  can be further partitioned in the same way to obtain a two-level multi-resolution system, as shown in Fig.1.

In the corresponding MRA generated by (3),  $J = 6$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . We choose  $\mathbf{Q}$  specifically to be  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

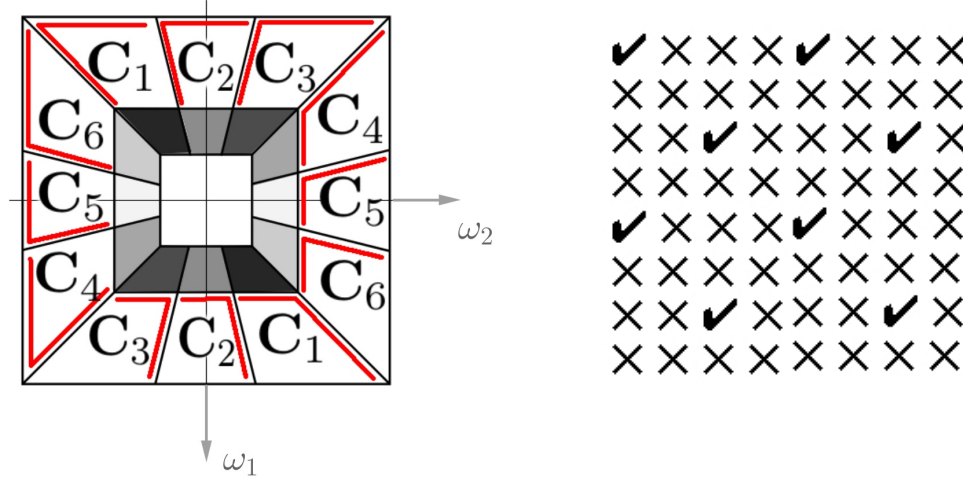


Figure 1: Left: partition of  $S_0$  and boundary assignment of  $C_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$  (each  $C_j$  has boundaries indicated by red line segments), Right: dyadic quincunx sub-lattice. Note that the  $\omega_1$ -axis is vertical and the  $\omega_2$ -axis is horizontal by our convention.

$|\mathbf{D}|^{-1} + J|\mathbf{QD}|^{-1} = 1/4 + 6/(2 \cdot 4) = 1$ , hence the corresponding MRA generated by (3) achieves critical downsampling([8]). The corresponding subsampling matrix of  $\phi^j$  is  $\mathbf{QD}$ , the dyadic quincunx subsampling (see the right panel in Fig.1), as in [8].

This subsampling scheme is compatible with  $C_j$ . Consider two sets of shifts in the frequency domain  $\Gamma_0 = \{\pi_i, i = 0, 2, 4, 6\}$  and  $\Gamma_1 = \{\pi_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, 7\}$ , where  $\pi_0 = (0, 0)$ ,  $\pi_1 = (\pi/2, \pi/2)$ ,  $\pi_2 = (\pi, 0)$ ,  $\pi_3 = (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ ,  $\pi_4 = (0, \pi)$ ,  $\pi_5 = (\pi/2, -\pi/2)$ ,  $\pi_6 = (\pi, \pi)$ ,  $\pi_7 = (-\pi/2, -\pi/2)$ .  $\Gamma_0$  and  $\Gamma_1$  characterize the sublattices  $\mathbf{D}\mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $\mathbf{QD}\mathbb{Z}^2$  respectively by  $\sum_{\pi \in \Gamma_0} e^{i\alpha^\top \pi} = |\Gamma_0| \chi_{\mathbf{D}\mathbb{Z}^2}(\alpha)$  and  $\sum_{\pi \in \Gamma_1} e^{i\alpha^\top \pi} = |\Gamma_1| \chi_{\mathbf{QD}\mathbb{Z}^2}(\alpha)$ , where  $\chi$  is the indicator function. We observe that each  $C_j$  forms a tiling of  $S_0$  under the shifts associated with the subsampling of  $C_j$ :

$$S_0 = \bigcup_{\pi \in \Gamma_1} (C_j + \pi) = \bigcup_{\pi \in \Gamma_0} (C_0 + \pi), \quad j = 1, \dots, 6 \quad (5)$$

Alternatively, we say that  $\{C_j, j = 0, \dots, 6\}$  is an *admissible* partition of  $S_0$  with respect to the dyadic quincunx subsampling. The admissible property guarantees the existence of orthonormal bases consisting of directional filters on the dyadic quincunx sublattice with frequency support in  $C_j$ .

### 3 Orthonormal Bases

In this section, we discuss the conditions on  $m_j$  such that the corresponding MRA forms an orthonormal bases.

We begin with the two key conditions, i.e. *identity summation* and *shift cancellation*, on  $m_j$  such that the system (3) is perfect-reconstruction (PR) or equivalently a Parseval frame in MRA.

### 3.1 orthonormal conditions on $m_j$

In MRA, (3) is PR if  $\forall f \in L_2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \langle f, \phi_{0,\mathbf{k}} \rangle \phi_{0,\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \langle f, \phi_{1,\mathbf{k}} \rangle \phi_{1,\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{\mathbf{k}' \in \mathbf{Q}\mathbb{Z}^2} \langle f, \psi_{1,\mathbf{k}'}^j \rangle \psi_{1,\mathbf{k}'}^j. \quad (6)$$

Using (1) and (4) together with the admissibility of the frequency partition (5), condition (6) on  $\phi$  and  $\psi^j$  yields:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $J = 6$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in (3). Then the perfect reconstruction condition holds for (3) iff the following two conditions hold*

$$|m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^6 |m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})|^2 = 1 \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^6 m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \overline{m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} = 0, & \boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_0 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} \\ \sum_{j=1}^6 m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \overline{m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} = 0, & \boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_1 \setminus \Gamma_0 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Theorem 1 is a corollary of Prop. 1 and Prop. 2 in [8]. We give an alternate proof in Appendix A. In Theorem 1, Eq. (7) is the *identity summation* condition, guaranteeing conservation of  $l_2$  energy; Eq. (8) is the *shift cancellation* condition such that aliasing is canceled correctly in reconstruction from wavelet coefficients. Because each  $m_j$  is  $(2\pi, 2\pi)$  periodic, we only need to check these conditions  $\forall \boldsymbol{\omega} \in S_0$ .

Moreover, for (3) to be an orthonormal basis,  $\{\phi_{\mathbf{k}}\}_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$  need to be an orthonormal basis, which is determined by  $m_0$  in (2). In 1D MRA, Cohen's theorem in [11] provides a necessary and sufficient condition on  $m_0$  such that (3) is an orthonormal basis. This theorem generalizes to 2D as proved in e.g. [9], as follows.

**Theorem 2.** *Assume that  $m_0$  is a trigonometric polynomial with  $m_0(\mathbf{0}) = 1$ , and define  $\hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  as in (2). If  $\phi(\cdot - \mathbf{k}), \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  are orthonormal, then  $\exists K$  containing a neighborhood of 0, s.t.  $\forall \boldsymbol{\omega} \in S_0, \boldsymbol{\omega} + 2\pi\mathbf{n} \in K$  for some  $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , and  $\inf_{k>0, \boldsymbol{\omega} \in K} |m_0(\mathbf{D}_2^{-k}\boldsymbol{\omega})| > 0$ . Further, if  $\sum_{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_0} |m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})|^2 = 1$ , then the inverse is true.*

### 3.2 Regularity of $m_j$ supported on the $C_j$

In this subsection, we consider  $m_j$  supported on the  $C_j$  introduced in Section 2.3 that satisfy orthonormal conditions in Section 3.1. We begin with the Shannon-type wavelet construction, where  $m_j$  are indicator functions  $m_j = 1_{C_j}$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 6$ , and we use the boundary assignment of  $C_j$  in Fig.1. The identity summation follows from the partition of  $S_0$  by the  $C_j$ , and the shift cancellation follows from the tiling property (5). Applying Theorem 2 to  $m_0$ , we verify that the Shannon-type wavelets generated from these  $m_j$  form an orthonormal basis.

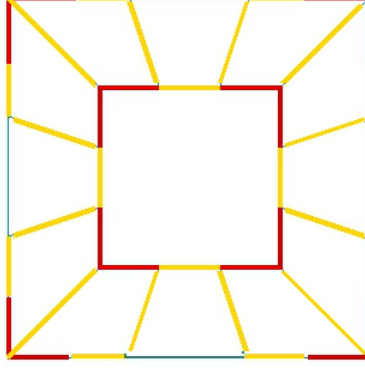


Figure 2: Boundary classification, singular (red) and regular (yellow)

Because of the discontinuity at  $\partial C_j$ , the boundaries of the  $C_j$ , these  $m_j$  are not smooth, and hence the corresponding wavelets are not spatially localized. The  $m_j$  can be regularized by smoothing at the  $\partial C_j$ . However, as shown in Proposition 3 in [8], it is not possible to smooth the behavior of the  $m_j$  at *all* the boundaries with discontinuity if the  $m_j$  have to satisfy the perfect reconstruction condition. In [9], the  $\partial C_j$  are segmented into *singular* and *regular* pieces. On regular boundaries, pairs of  $(m_j, m_{j'})$  share a boundary and can both be smoothed in a coherent way such that all the constraints in Theorem 2 remain satisfied. The singular pieces are boundaries for just one  $m_j$ , which can then not be smoothed without violating the shift cancellation condition. Fig. 2 shows the boundary classification, where the corners of  $S_0$  and  $C_0$  are singular, hence  $m_0$  and the  $m_j$ 's in two diagonal directions of an orthonormal bases are discontinuous there. A mechanism of constructing orthonormal bases by smoothing Shannon-type  $m_j$  on regular boundaries is provided in [9].

### 3.3 Extension to low-redundancy tight frame

The irregularity of orthonormal bases can be overcome in the following low-redundancy tight frame construction,

$$\{\phi_{L,\mathbf{k}}, \psi_{l,\mathbf{k}'}^j, 1 \leq l \leq L, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' \in \mathbb{Z}^2, 1 \leq j \leq J\}. \quad (9)$$

All wavelet coefficients are sub-sampled on dyadic sub-lattice and the redundancy of any  $L$ -level MRA frame doesn't exceed  $\frac{J/|D|}{1-1/|D|} = \frac{6/4}{1-1/4} = 2$ . Similar to Theorem 1, we have

**Theorem 3.** *The perfect reconstruction condition holds for (9) iff the following both hold*

$$|m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^6 |m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})|^2 = 1 \quad (10)$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^6 m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \overline{m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} = 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_0 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} \quad (11)$$

Theorem 3 can be proved analogously to Theorem 1, but with fewer shift cancellation constraints. Fol-

lowing the same analysis of boundary regularity as before, we show in [9] that all boundaries are regular and can be smoothed properly. Hence, we were able to obtain directional wavelets with much better spatial and frequency localization than those constructed by Durand in [8].

So far, we have considered two directional wavelet MRA systems (3) and (9) such that the directional wavelets characterize 2D signals in six equi-angled directions. Furthermore, these wavelets are well localized in the frequency domain such that  $\text{supp}(m_j)$  is convex and  $\exists \epsilon$  s.t.

$$\sup_{\omega' \in \text{supp}(m_j)} \inf_{\omega \in C_j} \|\omega' - \omega\| < \epsilon, \quad 0 \leq j \leq 6. \quad (12)$$

This desirable condition is hard to obtain by multi-directional filter bank assembly of several elementary filter banks.

In the next section, we analyze the more general case of directional bi-orthogonal filters constructed with respect to the same frequency partition.

## 4 Bi-orthogonal Bases

In this section, we analyze bi-orthogonal bases in the following form of MRA,

$$\{\phi_{L,\mathbf{k}}, \tilde{\phi}_{L,\mathbf{k}}, \psi_{l,\mathbf{k}'}^j, \tilde{\psi}_{l,\mathbf{k}'}^j, 1 \leq l \leq L, \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2, \mathbf{k}' \in \mathbf{Q}\mathbb{Z}^2, 1 \leq j \leq J\}, \quad (13)$$

where  $\phi$  and  $\psi^j$  satisfy (1) and (4), as well as  $\tilde{\phi}$  and  $\tilde{\psi}^j$ , respectively,

$$\widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{D}^T \omega) = \widetilde{m}_0(\omega) \widehat{\phi}(\omega), \quad \widehat{\psi^j}(\mathbf{D}^T \omega) = \widetilde{m}_j(\omega) \widehat{\phi}(\omega). \quad (14)$$

For such bi-orthogonal bases, we have the similar identity summation and shift cancellation conditions to those in Theorem 1.

**Theorem 4.** *The perfect reconstruction iff the following two conditions hold*

$$m_0(\omega) \widetilde{m}_0(\omega) + \sum_{j=1}^6 m_j(\omega) \widetilde{m}_j(\omega) = 1 \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^6 m_j(\omega) \widetilde{m}_j(\omega + \pi) = 0, & \pi \in \Gamma_0 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} \\ \sum_{j=1}^6 m_j(\omega) \widetilde{m}_j(\omega + \pi) = 0, & \pi \in \Gamma_1 \setminus \Gamma_0 \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

We also have the following analogue of Theorem 2.

**Theorem 5.** *Assume that  $m_0, \widetilde{m}_0$  are trigonometric polynomials with  $m_0(\mathbf{0}) = \widetilde{m}_0(\mathbf{0}) = 1$ , which generate  $\phi, \tilde{\phi}$  respectively.*

*If  $\phi(\cdot - \mathbf{k}), \tilde{\phi}(\cdot - \mathbf{k}), \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  are bi-orthogonal, then  $\exists K$  containing a neighborhood of 0, s.t.  $\forall \omega \in S_0, \omega + 2\pi \mathbf{n} \in K$  for some  $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , and  $\inf_{k>0, \omega \in K} |m_0(\mathbf{D}_2^{-k} \omega)| > 0, \inf_{k>0, \omega \in K} |\widetilde{m}_0(\mathbf{D}_2^{-k} \omega)| > 0$ . Furthermore, if*



$\sum_{\pi \in \Gamma_0} m_0(\omega + \pi) \widetilde{m}_0(\omega + \pi) = 1$ , then the inverse is true.

By Theorem 5,  $m_0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0$  need to satisfy the following identity constraint for the MRA (13) to be bi-orthogonal,

$$m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\omega) + m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\omega + \pi_2) + m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\omega + \pi_4) + m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\omega + \pi_6) = 1. \quad (17)$$

In addition, the identity summation and shift cancellation conditions (15) and (16) from Theorem 4 can be combined into a linear system with respect to  $m_j$  as follows,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{m}_0(\omega) & \widetilde{m}_1(\omega) & \dots & \widetilde{m}_6(\omega) \\ 0 & \widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_1) & \dots & \widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_1) \\ \widetilde{m}_0(\omega + \pi_2) & \widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_2) & \dots & \widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_7) & \dots & \widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_7) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_0(\omega) \\ m_1(\omega) \\ m_2(\omega) \\ \vdots \\ m_6(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

In sum, the construction of a bi-orthogonal basis (13) is equivalent to find feasible solutions of (18) with constraint (17)<sup>1</sup>. To solve this, we use the same approach as in [10], which constructs compactly supported symmetric bi-orthogonal filters on a hexagon lattice. We next review the main scheme in [10] and adapt it to our setup of bi-orthogonal bases on the dyadic quincunx lattice.

#### 4.1 Summary of Cohen et al's construction

We summarize the main setup and the approach in [10]. Consider a bi-orthogonal scheme consists of three high-pass filters  $m_1, m_2$  and  $m_3$  and a low-pass filter  $m_0$  together with their bi-orthogonal duals  $\widetilde{m}_j$ , s.t.  $m_0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0$  are  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ -rotation invariant and  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  and their duals are  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ -rotation co-variant on a hexagon lattice.

This bi-orthogonal scheme satisfies the following linear system ( Lemma 2.2.2 in [10] )

$$\begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{m}_0(\omega) & \widetilde{m}_1(\omega) & \widetilde{m}_2(\omega) & \widetilde{m}_3(\omega) \\ \widetilde{m}_0(\omega + \nu_1) & \widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \nu_1) & \widetilde{m}_2(\omega + \nu_1) & \widetilde{m}_3(\omega + \nu_1) \\ \widetilde{m}_0(\omega + \nu_2) & \widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \nu_2) & \widetilde{m}_2(\omega + \nu_2) & \widetilde{m}_3(\omega + \nu_2) \\ \widetilde{m}_0(\omega + \nu_3) & \widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \nu_3) & \widetilde{m}_2(\omega + \nu_3) & \widetilde{m}_3(\omega + \nu_3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_0(\omega) \\ m_1(\omega) \\ m_2(\omega) \\ m_3(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

where  $\nu_i = \pi_{2i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega) \in \mathbb{C}^{4 \times 4}$  be the matrix with entries  $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega + \nu_i)$  and  $\mathbf{m}(\omega) \in \mathbb{C}^4$  be the vector consisting of entries  $m_j(\omega)$  in (19), then (19) can be written as

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega) \mathbf{m}(\omega) = [1, 0, 0, 0]^\top.$$

Begin with a pre-designed  $\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)$  with desired property,  $\widetilde{m}_2(\omega)$  and  $\widetilde{m}_3(\omega)$  are determined by symmetry.

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<sup>1</sup>It can be shown that as long as (18) has a unique solution for  $m_j$  given fixed  $\widetilde{m}_j$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, 6$ , (17) always holds. See Section 4.2.

Lemma 2.2.2 in [10] then leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= D^{-1} \begin{vmatrix} \widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_1) & \widetilde{m}_2(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_1) & \widetilde{m}_3(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_1) \\ \widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_2) & \widetilde{m}_2(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_2) & \widetilde{m}_3(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_2) \\ \widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_3) & \widetilde{m}_2(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_3) & \widetilde{m}_3(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_3) \end{vmatrix} \\
&= D^{-1} \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}_{0,0}(\boldsymbol{\omega}),
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

where  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}_{0,0}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is the minor of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  with respect to  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and  $D \equiv \det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})) \in \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  does not depend on  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  in [10], due to symmetry.

Expanding  $\det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}))$  with respect to the first column leads to the following constraint on  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ,

$$m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) + m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_1) + m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_2) + m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\nu}_3) = 1, \tag{21}$$

which is the same as the identity constraint (17) for bi-orthogonal bases. Once (21) is solved for  $\widetilde{m}_0$ ,  $m_1, m_2$  and  $m_3$  are obtained by solving the linear system (19) with known  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ .

## 4.2 Adaptation to dyadic quincunx downsampling

Cohen et al's approach can be adapted to construct bi-orthogonal bases in different settings; We shall apply it to our framework, even though we work with different lattices, downsampling schemes and symmetries. In particular, we adapt their approach to solve (18) where  $\widetilde{m}_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$  are pre-designed. Furthermore, by exploiting the symmetric structure of (18) with respect to the shifts  $\boldsymbol{\pi}_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 7$ , we derive necessary conditions for (18) to have a unique solution. It turns out that this will, once again, force to exhibit lack of regularity in our bi-orthogonal scheme.

Since (18) takes the same form as (19), we adopt, for the sake of simplicity and for the rest of this paper, the matrix and vector notations  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ,  $\mathbf{m}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  that helped to simplify (19). Accordingly, we rewrite (18) as

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \mathbf{m}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^\top,$$

where  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \in \mathbb{C}^{8 \times 7}$  and  $\mathbf{m}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \in \mathbb{C}^7$ . In addition, let  $\mathbf{b}_k \in \mathbb{R}^8$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 7$ , whose only non-zero entry is  $\mathbf{b}_k[k] = 1$ , where the indexing starts with zero. Note that  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \mathbf{m}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \mathbf{b}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^8$  is over-determined; it has a unique solution of  $m_j$  if and only if

(5.i)  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is full rank,

(5.ii)  $[\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}), \mathbf{b}_0]$  is singular,

where we use the notation  $[ ]$  for the concatenation of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and  $\mathbf{b}_0$  into a  $8 \times 8$  matrix. The matrix  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is structured such that each row is associated with a shift  $\boldsymbol{\pi}_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 7$  and each column is associated with a dual function  $\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, 7$ . In particular,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  depends on the value of  $\widetilde{m}_j$  at  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  and its shifts

$\omega + \pi_i$ , and can thus be considered a matrix-valued function of  $\omega$ . We denote a sub-matrix of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}$  containing all but the row associated with  $\pi_k$  (respectively, the column associated with  $\widetilde{m}_k(\omega)$ ) as  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{k},:]$  (respectively,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:,\widehat{k}]$ ). In particular, we denote  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0},\widehat{0}]$  as  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square$ .

We have the following observations for  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.**  $\forall \omega \in S_0$ , if (18) is solvable, then  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0},:](\omega)$  is singular.

*Proof.* If (18) is solvable, then condition (5.ii) holds, which implies that  $\det([\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega), \mathbf{b}_0]) = 0$ . Expanding the determinant with respect to the last column  $\mathbf{b}_0$  yields  $\det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0},:](\omega)) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2.**  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)$ ,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega + \pi_2)$ ,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega + \pi_4)$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega + \pi_6)$  are the same up to row permutations. (18) holds  $\forall \omega$  if and only if

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega) [\mathbf{m}(\omega), \mathbf{m}(\omega + \pi_2), \mathbf{m}(\omega + \pi_4), \mathbf{m}(\omega + \pi_6)] = [\mathbf{b}_0, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_4, \mathbf{b}_6].$$

*Remark.* If we consider  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)$  a vector function of  $\omega$ , then the conditions (5.i) and (5.ii) are both pointwise, yet Lemma 4.2 shows that the set of points  $\{\omega, \omega + \pi_2, \omega + \pi_4, \omega + \pi_6\}$  are linked together by the symmetry in  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}(\omega)$ .

Due to condition (5.i),  $\forall \omega$ ,  $\exists k_\omega$  depending on  $\omega$  such that  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{k}_\omega, :](\omega)$  is non-singular. Lemma 4.1 implies that  $\widehat{k}_\omega \neq 0$ <sup>2</sup>; therefore we may apply Cramer's rule to  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{k}_\omega, :](\omega)$ , as in Section 4.1, and obtain the following expression of  $m_0(\omega)$

$$m_0(\omega) = \det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[\widehat{k}_\omega, :](\omega)) / \det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{k}_\omega, :](\omega)). \quad (22)$$

Moreover, based on (22), the identity condition (17) on  $m_0(\omega)$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0(\omega)$  can be derived in the same way as (21) by expanding  $\det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{k}_\omega, :](\omega))$ .

### 4.3 Discontinuity of $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)$

In this subsection, we show our main result that for (18) to be solvable, the pre-designed  $\widetilde{m}_j$  have to be discontinuous as soon as they satisfy mild conditions on symmetry and concentration of support.

We assume that  $|\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)|$  and  $|\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)|$  are symmetric with respect to the diagonal  $\omega_1 = \omega_2$ , i.e.

$$|\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)| = |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega')| \quad \forall \omega_1 = \omega'_2, \omega_2 = \omega'_1, \quad (23)$$

and likewise for  $\widetilde{m}_3(\omega)$  and  $\widetilde{m}_4(\omega)$ ,

$$|\widetilde{m}_3(\omega)| = |\widetilde{m}_4(\omega')| \quad \forall \omega_1 = -\omega'_2, \omega_2 = -\omega'_1. \quad (24)$$

In what follows, we introduce a triangular partition of  $S_0 = [-\pi, \pi) \times [-\pi, \pi)$  in the frequency plane and

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<sup>2</sup>By symmetry, we have the stronger result  $k_\omega \notin \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$ . Indeed, Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.2 together imply that  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{k}, :](\omega)$ ,  $k = 0, 2, 4, 6$  are singular. Therefore,  $\widehat{k}_\omega \in \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  and thus  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{k}_\omega, :](\omega)$  contains all rows associated with shifts  $\pi_{2i}$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 3$ .

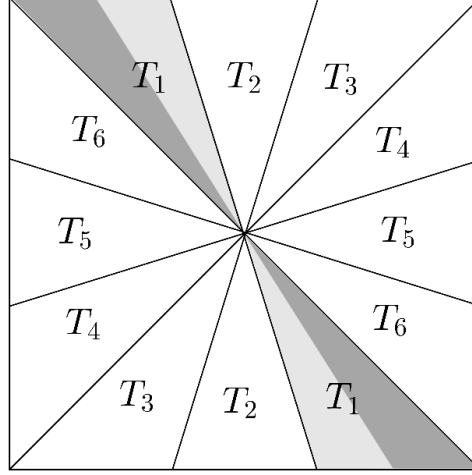


Figure 3: Partition of frequency square in six directions, where the essential support of  $\widetilde{m}_i(\omega)$  is contained in each pair of triangles  $T_i$ . The pair of dark grey triangles is  $T_1^-$  and the light grey pair is  $T_1^+$ .

define formally the concentration of the support of the  $\widetilde{m}_j$ .

**Definition.** The *domination-support*  $\Omega_j$  of a function  $\widetilde{m}_j$  (with respect to the other  $m_i$ ,  $i \neq j$ ) is the set  $\{\omega : |\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)| > |\widetilde{m}_i(\omega)|, \forall i \neq j\}$ .

Let  $T_j$  be pairs of triangles shown in Figure 3, defined such that  $C_j \subset T_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ . Consider the decompositions  $T_j = T_j^- \cup T_j^+$ , where  $T_j^-, T_j^+$  are halves of  $T_j$  adjacent to its neighboring triangles  $T_i$  in the counter clockwise and clockwise directions respectively.

**Definition.**  $\widetilde{m}_j$  *concentrates* within  $T_j$  if

- (i)  $\Omega_j \subset T_j$ ;
- (ii)  $\text{supp}(\widetilde{m}_j) \subset T_{j-1}^+ \cup T_j \cup T_{j+1}^-$  and  $\int_{\Omega} |\widetilde{m}_j| > \int_{\Omega'} |\widetilde{m}_j|, \forall \Omega \subset T_j \cap \text{supp}(\widetilde{m}_j)$  s.t.  $|\Omega| > 0$ , where  $\Omega' \subset T_{j-1}^+ \cup T_{j+1}^-$  is symmetric to  $\Omega$  with respect to the boundary of  $T_j$ .

In other words, for  $\widetilde{m}_j$  to concentrate in  $T_j$ ,  $\widetilde{m}_j$  should be “mainly” supported in  $T_j$  (condition (i)) and “decay” properly outside of  $T_j$  (condition (ii)).

Given  $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)$  that concentrates in  $T_j$ , we examine the consequences of the singularity condition on  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, :](\omega)$  from Lemma 4.1, specifically in the domain  $S_\rho = \{(\omega_1, \omega_2) \mid \|\omega\| < \rho, \omega_1 < 0, \omega_2 < 0\}$ , see the red zone in Figure 4.

Let  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^i(\omega) = [\widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_i) \dots, \widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_i)] \in \mathbb{C}^6$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 7$  be the rows of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\omega)$ .

**Lemma 4.3.**  $\exists \rho > 0$  s.t. if  $\omega \in S_\rho$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, :](\omega)$  is singular, then  $\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^1(\omega), \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^7(\omega)) = 1$  or  $\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^3(\omega), \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^5(\omega)) = 1$ .

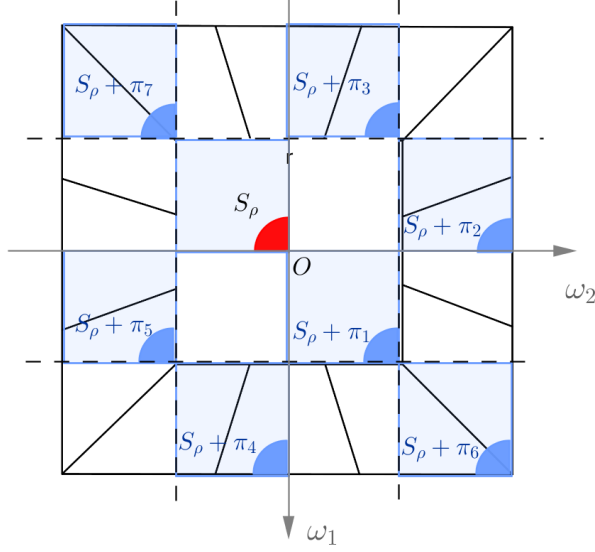


Figure 4:  $S_\rho$  and its shifts

Lemma 4.3 can be proved by analyzing the linear dependency and independency between the  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^i$  on  $S_\rho$ , since the  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^i$  have known locations of zero entries when  $\rho$  is small due to the concentration of the  $\tilde{m}_j$ . For the full proof of Lemma 4.3, see Appendix B.

The concentration and the symmetry of  $\tilde{m}_3(\omega)$  and  $\tilde{m}_4(\omega)$  in  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  together imply that  $\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5) \neq 1$  a.e. on  $S_\rho$ , see Lemma B.3 in Appendix B.1, hence  $\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1(\omega), \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7(\omega)) = 1$  a.e. on  $S_\rho$ . Therefore,  $\tilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_1), \tilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_1)$  in  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1(\omega)$  and the corresponding  $\tilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_7), \tilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_7)$  in  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7(\omega)$  on  $S_\rho$  are linearly related. Based on this and the concentration and the symmetry of  $\tilde{m}_1(\omega)$  and  $\tilde{m}_6(\omega)$  in  $T_1$  and  $T_6$ , we can show that  $\tilde{m}_1(\omega) = \tilde{m}_6(\omega) = 0$  a.e. on  $S_\rho + \pi_1$ , see Proposition B.5 in Appendix B.1, which implies the discontinuity of  $\tilde{m}_1(\omega)$  and  $\tilde{m}_6(\omega)$  at  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  or  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2})$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** *Given the same condition as in Lemma 4.3,  $\tilde{m}_1(\omega), \tilde{m}_6(\omega)$  cannot be continuous at both  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2})$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\tilde{m}_1(\omega)$  is continuous at  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , then  $\tilde{m}_1(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1^-} \tilde{m}_1(\omega(\alpha)) = 0$ , where  $\{\omega(\alpha), 0 \leq \alpha < 1\} \subset S_\rho + \pi_1$  and  $\omega(1) = (\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . By symmetry, we have  $\tilde{m}_6(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$ . Similarly, the continuity at  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2})$  implies  $\tilde{m}_1(-\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}) = \tilde{m}_6(-\frac{\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$ . Therefore  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1(\mathbf{0}) = \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$  at the origin which results in contradiction with Lemma 4.3.  $\square$

The following theorem summarizes our main result.

**Theorem 4.5.** *If the  $\tilde{m}_j(\omega)$  concentrate in  $T_j$  and have symmetries (23) and (24), then (18) doesn't have feasible solution of  $m_j$  if  $\tilde{m}_1(\omega)$  and  $\tilde{m}_6(\omega)$  are continuous.*

## 5 Numerical construction of bi-orthogonal bases

In this section, we develop a numerical construction of bi-orthogonal bases on a dyadic quincunx lattice following an approach similar to Cohen et al. We first design  $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ , on the canonical frequency square  $S_0 = [-\pi, \pi) \times [-\pi, \pi)$ , then solve for  $m_0$ ,  $\widetilde{m}_0$  and  $m_j$  on  $S_0$  in order with respect to (18) and (17).

### 5.1 Design of input $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)$

In this sub-section, we construct  $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ , which concentrate in  $T_i$ . Specifically, following the orthonormal construction in [9], we consider  $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)$  in the form

$$\widetilde{m}_j(\omega) = e^{-i\boldsymbol{\eta}_j^\top \omega} |\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)|, \quad j = 1, \dots, 6, \quad (25)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_j \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  is the phase constant of  $\widetilde{m}_j$ . In addition to the symmetry of pairs  $(|\widetilde{m}_1|, |\widetilde{m}_6|)$  and  $(|\widetilde{m}_3|, |\widetilde{m}_4|)$  assumed in Section 4.3, we further require that  $|\widetilde{m}_2|$  and  $|\widetilde{m}_5|$  are symmetric with respect to the  $\omega_1$ -axis and  $\omega_2$ -axis accordingly. Figure 5 shows a design of  $|\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)|$  that has these strong symmetries.

Based on (25) and the symmetries of  $|\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)|$ , the natural requirement that, for some (possibly small)  $\rho > 0$ , we have  $|m_0(\omega)| > 0$ ,  $\forall |\omega| < \rho$ , leads to constraints on the phase constants  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_j$  introduced in (25).

**Lemma 5.1.** *If  $\exists \omega \in D_1 := \{\omega_1 = \omega_2, \omega_1 \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)\}$ , s.t.  $|m_0(\omega)| \neq 0$ , then  $(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_6)^\top (\boldsymbol{\pi}_6 - \boldsymbol{\pi}_7) \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi}$ .*

Because  $m_0(\omega)$  can be expressed as in (22),  $|m_0(\omega)| \neq 0$  is equivalent to  $\det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[\widehat{k_\omega}, :](\omega)) \neq 0$ , i.e.  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega)$  is full rank. The constraint on  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_1$  and  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_6$  then follows from substituting non-zero entries of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega)$  by (25) and consider the linear dependency of the columns in  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega)$ . For the full proof of Lemma 5.1, see Appendix B.2.

Similarly, if  $\exists \omega \in \{\omega_1 = \omega_2, \omega_1 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})\}$ , s.t.  $|m_0(\omega)| \neq 0$ , then  $(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_6)^\top (\boldsymbol{\pi}_6 - \boldsymbol{\pi}_1) \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi}$ . These two conditions are equivalent to

$$(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_6)^\top (\pi/2, \pi/2) \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi} \quad (\text{c1.1})$$

since  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_1, \boldsymbol{\eta}_6 \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . Considering the other diagonal segment  $\{\omega_2 = -\omega_1, |\omega_1| < \frac{\pi}{2}\}$ , we similarly obtain

$$(\boldsymbol{\eta}_3 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_4)^\top (-\pi/2, \pi/2) \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi} \quad (\text{c1.2})$$

Next, we consider  $\widetilde{m}_0(\mathbf{0})$  and investigate  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega)$  at the origin.

**Proposition 5.2.** *If  $|\widetilde{m}_0(\mathbf{0})| \neq 0$ , then  $\boldsymbol{\pi}_1^\top (\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_6) \neq \pi \pmod{2\pi}$  or  $\boldsymbol{\pi}_3^\top (\boldsymbol{\eta}_3 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_4) \neq \pi \pmod{2\pi}$ .*

*Remark.* The proof of Proposition 5.2 is similar to that of Lemma 5.1 but more involved. See Appendix B.2 for the full proof.

We propose the following set of phases such that (c1.1) and (c1.2) as well as the necessary condition from Proposition 5.2 are all satisfied,

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 &= (0, 0), \boldsymbol{\eta}_2 = (-1, 1), \boldsymbol{\eta}_3 = (0, 2), \\ \boldsymbol{\eta}_4 &= (1, 0), \boldsymbol{\eta}_5 = (0, -1), \boldsymbol{\eta}_6 = (0, 1).\end{aligned}\tag{26}$$

## 5.2 Solving (18) and (17) for $m_0, \widetilde{m}_0$ and $m_j$

Once  $\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}), j = 1, \dots, 6$  are fixed on  $S_0$ , (18) can be reformulated as follows,

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega}) \begin{bmatrix} m_1(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ m_2(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ m_3(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ m_4(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ m_5(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ m_6(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}_0 - m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ 0 \\ \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2) \\ 0 \\ \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4) \\ 0 \\ \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \doteq \mathbf{b}'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}),\tag{27}$$

where  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is completely determined by  $\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}), j = 1, \dots, 6$  and  $m_j, j = 1, \dots, 6$  can be uniquely solved on  $S_0$  if and only if  $\forall \boldsymbol{\omega} \in S_0$

(5.2.i)  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is full rank,

(5.2.ii)  $\mathbf{b}'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is in  $\text{col}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega}))$ , the column space of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$ .

Next, we show that (5.2.ii) breaks down to constraints on two submatrices of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and quadruples  $(m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6)), (m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_1), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_3), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_5), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_7))$ .

**Proposition 5.3.** *Let  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{odd}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega}), \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega}) \in \mathbb{C}^{4 \times 6}$  be the sub-matrices of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  consisting of odd and even indexed rows respectively.  $\forall \boldsymbol{\omega} \in S_0$ , suppose (5.2.i) and (17) are satisfied, then (5.2.ii) holds if and only if  $\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{odd}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})) = \text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})) = 3$  and*

$$[m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6)] \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \mathbf{0},\tag{28}$$

$$[m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_1), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_3), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_5), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_7)] \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{odd}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \mathbf{0}.\tag{29}$$

For the proof of Proposition 5.3, see Appendix B.3.

*Remarks.*

1. Proposition 5.3 shows that (5.ii) does not introduce extra constraint on  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  besides (17).

2. Note that the submatrices  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{odd}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  are dual to each other under the shift of variable  $\boldsymbol{\omega} \mapsto \boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i$ , when  $i$  is odd. Therefore, the constraints  $\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})) = 3$  and (28) from Proposition 5.3 are sufficient for (5.2.ii) to hold on  $S_0$ . Furthermore, because  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and  $(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2, \boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4, \boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6)$  are invariant to the shift of variable  $\boldsymbol{\omega} \mapsto \boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i$  when  $i$  is even, we only need to consider the constraints above on the subset  $[-\pi, 0) \times [-\pi, 0)$  of  $S_0$ .

In summary,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  (or equivalently  $\widetilde{m}_j$ ) has to satisfy the following rank constraints on  $[-\pi, 0) \times [-\pi, 0)$  for (27) to be uniquely solvable on  $S_0$ ,

$$\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})) = 6, \text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})) = 3. \quad (30)$$

In practice, the rank constraints are hard to impose while designing  $\widetilde{m}_j$ , in our numerical experiments, we therefore first construct  $\widetilde{m}_j$  and then check if these rank constraints are satisfied, see step 1. in Algorithm 1.

If (30) holds, the vector  $[m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6)]$  can be uniquely determined by (28) up to a constant factor  $a_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ , since it is orthogonal to the column space of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  of co-dimension 1. In particular, we obtain  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on  $S_0$  by solving (28) independently at each  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  on  $[-\pi, 0) \times [-\pi, 0)$ , see step 2. in Algorithm 1. As the constant  $a_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$  can change drastically as  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  changes, there is potential lack of regularity of  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  as an artifact of the algorithm. Figure 6 shows an  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  computed in this way, which has discontinuous phase due to  $a_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ . Fortunately, this irregularity is an artifact that can be removed as suggested by the following proposition.

**Proposition 5.4.** *If  $\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}), m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}), j = 0, 1, \dots, 6$  satisfy (18) and (17), then  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \doteq m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})c(\boldsymbol{\omega}), \widetilde{m}'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \doteq \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})\bar{c}(\boldsymbol{\omega})^{-1}$  together with the same  $m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}), \widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}), j = 1, \dots, 6$  satisfy (18) and (17) if  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = c(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2) = c(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4) = c(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6) \neq 0$ , i.e.  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is  $\pi$ -periodic in both  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the observation that  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})\widetilde{m}'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i) = m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)$ , when  $i$  is even.  $\square$

*Remark.* In practice, we use Proposition 5.4 compensate for irregularities introduced by the arbitrary  $a_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ ; After  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is solved, we can choose  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$   $\pi$ -periodic in both  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  such that  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  has improved regularity and use  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  as the “regularized”  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  in the rest of the construction.

To obtain  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on  $S_0$ , we solve the identity condition (17) on  $[-\pi, 0) \times [-\pi, 0)$  for the quadruple  $(\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}), \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2), \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4), \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6))$ . Note that (17) is the same as (21) in Section 4.1. According to Lemma 3.2.1 in [10], by *Hilbert’s Nullstellensatz* (21) has a solution if and only if there does not exist  $(z_1, z_2) \in (\mathbb{C}^*)^2, \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  $(\pm z_1, \pm z_2)$  are all vanishing points of the  $z$ -transform of  $m_0$ . Unfortunately this is not very constructive: in general, there is no efficient algorithm to solve *Hilbert’s Nullstellensatz*.

Our approach here is to reformulate solving  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  under the condition (17) as an optimization problem where (17) serves as a linear constraint. In particular, on a  $2N \times 2N$  regular grid  $\mathcal{G} = \{\boldsymbol{\omega}_i\}_{i=1}^{4N^2}$  of  $[-\pi, \pi) \times [-\pi, \pi)$



$[-\pi, \pi)$ , (17) can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{A} \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}_0 = \mathbf{1}_{N^2}, \quad (31)$$

where  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}_0 = [\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i)]_{i=1}^{4N^2}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{N^2 \times 4N^2}$  is a sparse matrix with entries

$$\mathbf{A}_{i,j} = m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}_j) \sum_{k=0}^3 \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega}_j - \boldsymbol{\omega}_i - \boldsymbol{\pi}_{2k}), \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}_j \in [-\pi, 0) \times [-\pi, 0).$$

Note that  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  in  $\mathbf{A}$  here has been regularized by  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ , hence we expect the corresponding  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  that satisfies (17) (or equivalently (31) on the grid  $\mathcal{G}$ ) to be regular as well. To optimize the regularity of  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ , we choose the squared  $\ell_2$  norm of the gradient of  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  as the objective function, although other forms of regularity may be imposed by different objective functions.

We thus solve the following quadratic minimization problem with linear constraint,

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}\|^2, \quad s.t. \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}, \quad (32)$$

where  $\mathbf{D}$  is the gradient operator,  $\circ$  is the Hadamard product and  $\mathbf{A}$  is the linear operator from (17).

Supplementary numerical results on solving  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  by optimization are provided in Appendix D, where we test this optimization method on known bi-orthogonal filters  $m_0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0$  and compare the solution from the optimization with the ground truth.

Finally, we plug  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  into  $\mathbf{b}'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on the right of (27) and solve the linear system for the  $m_j$ , which has a guaranteed unique solution.

To sum up, we propose Algorithm 1 for bi-orthogonal directional filter construction with dyadic quincunx downsampling scheme.

**Algorithm 1. Construction of  $m_0, \widetilde{m}_0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_j$  in bi-orthogonal basis**

- Input:  $\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ , a  $2N \times 2N$  regular grid  $\mathcal{G} = \{\boldsymbol{\omega}_i\}_{i=1}^{4N^2}$  over  $[-\pi, \pi) \times [-\pi, \pi)$ ,
- step 1. construct  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on sub-grid  $[-\pi, 0) \times [-\pi, 0)$  and check rank constraints (30),
- step 2. solve quadruple  $(m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4), m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6))$  using (28) on the sub-grid in  $[-\pi, 0) \times [-\pi, 0)$ ,
- step 3. choose appropriate  $\pi$ -periodic  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and replace  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  by  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = c(\boldsymbol{\omega})m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ,
- step 4. solve the optimization (32) for  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on  $[-\pi, \pi) \times [-\pi, \pi)$ ,
- step 5. solve the reduced linear system (27) for  $m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ .

*Remarks.*

1. Since  $\widetilde{m}_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$  are pre-designed, it is relatively easy to control their regularity. In addition,

the regularity of  $\widetilde{m}_0$  is optimized by (32). Therefore, according to (14), we may hope to obtain dual wavelets with good regularity.

2. In principle, one could formulate an optimization for  $c(\omega)$  in step 3. and  $\widetilde{m}_0(\omega)$  in step 4. jointly in order to obtain optimal smoothness for  $\widetilde{m}_0(\omega)$  given  $m_0(\omega)$  solved in step 2. Instead of solving a linearly constrained quadratic program like (32), one solves a *quadratically* constrained quadratic program (QCQP), which is non-convex and in general NP-hard. Such a QCQP can be relaxed to a convex semidefinite program (SDP) that can be efficiently solved although the solution is not exact. See Appendix C for more details. In Section 6, we discuss how to choose  $c(\omega)$  for a  $m_0(\omega)$  solved from a specific set of input  $\widetilde{m}_j$ .
3. Once can also manipulate pairs of  $(m_j, \widetilde{m}_j)$  according to the following generalization of Proposition 5.4.

**Proposition 5.5.** *If  $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega), m_j(\omega), j = 0, 1, \dots, 6$  satisfy (18) and (17),  $m_j^c(\omega) \doteq m_j(\omega)c_j(\omega), \widetilde{m}_j^c(\omega) \doteq \widetilde{m}_j(\omega)\overline{c_j(\omega)}^{-1} j = 0, \dots, 6$  satisfy (18) and (17) if  $c_0(\omega) = c_0(\omega + \pi_{2k}), \forall k = 0, \dots, 3$  and  $c_j(\omega) = c_j(\omega + \pi_k), \forall k = 0, \dots, 7, j = 1, \dots, 6$ .*

## 6 Numerical Experiments

In this section, we demonstrate the numerical construction of biorthogonal directional wavelets on a quincunx lattice using our proposed Algorithm 1 implemented in Matlab.

For the input of Algorithm 1, we use  $\widetilde{m}_j$  in the form of (25), with phases in (26) and amplitudes  $|\widetilde{m}_j|$  shown in Figure 5 constructed as follows. We start with a symmetric  $|\widetilde{m}_2|$ , then compute  $|\widetilde{m}_1|$  and  $|\widetilde{m}_3|$  by shearing  $|\widetilde{m}_2|$  counter-clockwise and clockwise respectively.  $|\widetilde{m}_4|, |\widetilde{m}_5|$  and  $|\widetilde{m}_6|$  are obtained by symmetry with respect to the diagonal. This is the same approach used in the shearlet construction in [12]. Furthermore, we set  $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega) = 0, \forall \omega \in C_0 = [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \times [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and according to Proposition 4.4, we enforce  $|\widetilde{m}_1(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})| \neq 0$  and  $|\widetilde{m}_6(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})| \neq 0$ . As the first step, we numerically verify that this particular design of  $\widetilde{m}_j$  satisfies the rank constraints (30)<sup>3</sup>.

We proceed to solve  $m_0(\omega)$  in quadruple separately for each  $\omega$  in  $[-\pi, 0) \times [-\pi, 0)$ . As pointed out earlier, these solutions still have an unconstrained degree of freedom in the form of a constant  $a_\omega$ ; the result is shown in Figure 6 for one implementation using Matlab solvers. This solution  $m_0(\omega)$  has both inherent irregularity of the bi-orthogonal construction from the input and artificial irregularity from the algorithm:

<sup>3</sup>In practice, we find it hard for  $\widetilde{m}_j$  to satisfy the rank constraint (30) without enforcing  $\widetilde{m}_j$  to be zero on  $C_0$ . This may indicate topological obstruction in our bi-orthogonal scheme

the amplitude  $|m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})|$  is supported on  $C_0$ , where  $|m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})| = 1$  and its discontinuity at  $\partial C_0$  corresponds to that of the input  $\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ; however, the phase of  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is discontinuous even on the interior of  $C_0$  due to  $a_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ , an artificial irregularity we remove in the next step by introducing  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ .

To regularize  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ , we multiply it by an appropriate  $\pi$ -periodic  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ . In particular, we can first construct  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on  $C_0$  freely and then extend it to  $S_0$  by  $\pi$ -periodicity in both  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ . It turns out that in this specific numerical example we consider here, we can explicitly design the regularized  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  ( $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ) and the corresponding  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ . Since  $m_0$  is supported on only  $C_0$ ,  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is determined by the value of  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on  $C_0$ . Therefore,  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  can be any continuous function on  $C_0$ . On the other hand,  $m'_0\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \equiv 0, \forall \boldsymbol{\omega} \notin C_0$ , and (17) (which leads to the linear constraint (31)) reduces to  $m'_0\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = 1, \forall \boldsymbol{\omega} \in C_0$ . In other words,  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is uniquely determined on  $C_0$  by  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and vice versa. Because we want  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  to be smooth and to have fast decay once  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  is outside  $C_0$  so as to allow the corresponding dual wavelets  $\widetilde{\psi}^j$  to have good spatial locality, we can actually first design  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on  $S_0$  and then construct  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})^{-1}$  on  $C_0$ . In particular, we let  $\widetilde{m}_0'$  be the low pass filter of a 2D tensor wavelets, see Figure 7.

*Remarks.*

1. If we use the above  $m'_0$  derived from a known  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and solve (32) for  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  as in step 4. of Algorithm 1, we find that in practice we obtain a solution  $\widetilde{m}_0'(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  not exactly the same as but close to the known  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  for  $\boldsymbol{\omega} \notin C_0$ . Moreover, we numerically verify that  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})\widetilde{m}_0'(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \mathbf{1}_{C_0}$  as they should be.
2. There is no restriction on the support of  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  as long as (17) is satisfied. Although a slower decay of  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on  $S_0$  can increase the regularity  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on  $C_0$ , as illustrated in Figure 10, we find that this is to the detriment of the directional selectivity of the resulting  $m_j$  determined by the final step, see Figure 11.

Finally, we solve (27) for  $m_j$ . As shown in the top row Figure 8, the energy of  $m_j$  concentrates at  $\partial C_0$ , where  $m_j$  decay to near zero. Moreover, the bottom row of Figure 8 shows that  $|m_j\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})|$  are close to constant on  $C_j$ . Such irregularity roots in the irregularity of bi-orthogonal bases construction we show in Section 4.3, which prevents input  $\widetilde{m}_j$  to be continuous in the first place. We also numerically verify that  $m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and  $\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  have the same phase, i.e.  $m_j\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

So far, we construct a set of  $(m_j, \widetilde{m}_j)_{j=0, \dots, 6}$  that satisfies (18) and (17), thus it can be used to construct biorthogonal wavelets based on (4) and (14). Figure 9 shows the dual wavelets  $\widetilde{\psi}^j$  in (13) constructed using (14). Because of the regularity we impose on  $\widetilde{m}_j$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0'$ , the dual wavelets are spatially localized and have good direction selection. The wavelets and scaling functions in (13) can be constructed using (4) similarly, but with much poorer regularity originated in  $m_j$  and  $m'_0$ .

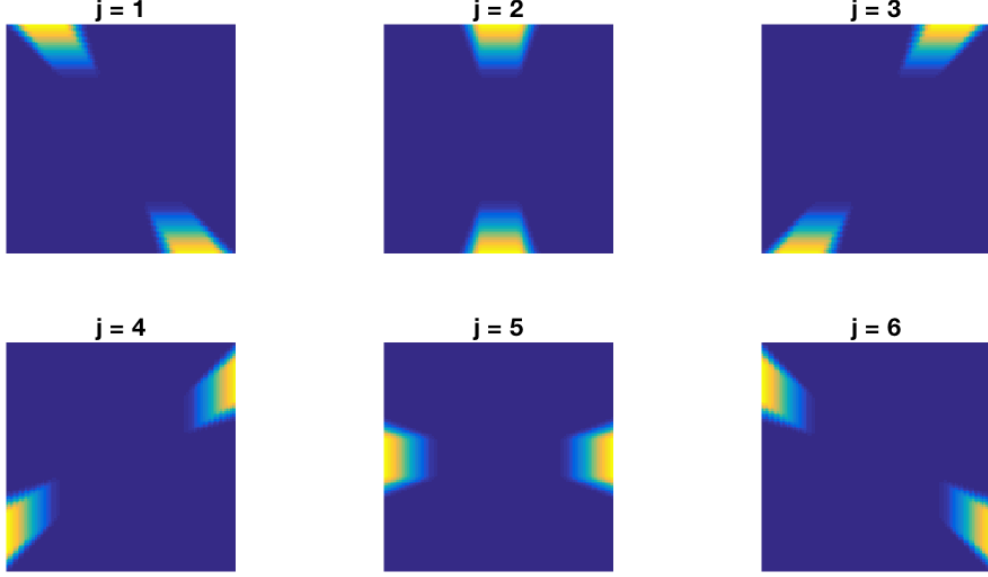


Figure 5: Input  $|\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)|$  constructed in the same way as shearlets.

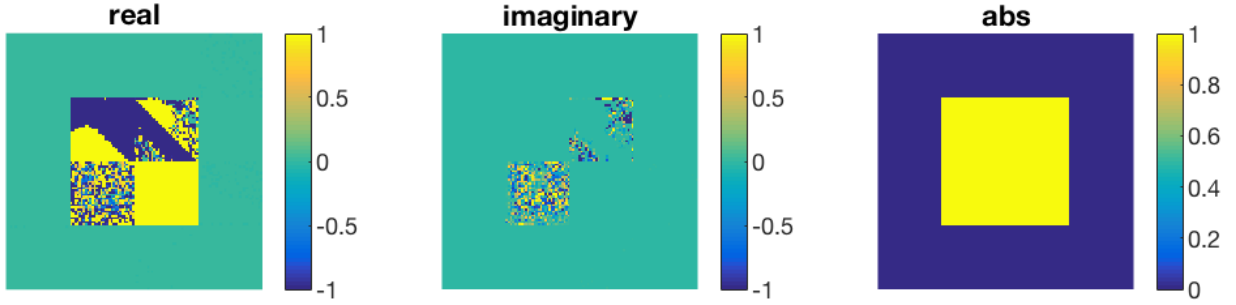


Figure 6:  $m_0(\omega)$  constructed from  $\widetilde{m}_j$ . Left to right:  $Re(m_0(\omega))$ ,  $Im(m_0(\omega))$  and  $|m_0(\omega)|$ .

Although using a different set of  $\widetilde{m}_j$  as input paired with a carefully tweaked  $\widetilde{m}_0'$  might improve the regularity of the dual wavelets  $\widetilde{\psi}^j$ , the intrinsic irregularity of the corresponding wavelets  $\psi^j$  shall remain.

## 7 Conclusion and future work

In this paper, we consider directional wavelet schemes on a dyadic quincunx sub-lattice and analyze their regularity. We show that filters in bi-orthogonal bases have the same discontinuity in the frequency domain as the orthonormal bases at the corners of  $C_0 = [-\pi/2, \pi/2) \times [-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ .

We propose a different approach to construct biorthogonal wavelets from our previous approach for the orthonormal bases construction [9]. The directional dual filters  $\widetilde{m}_j$  are first designed such that they can be extended to a bi-orthogonal frame and the remaining filters are obtained by solving linear systems and a

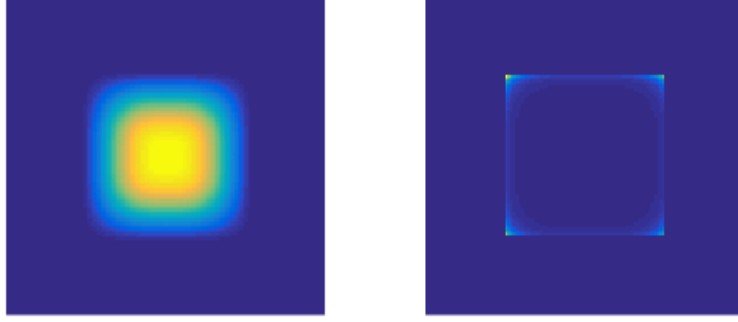


Figure 7: Left:  $\widetilde{m}_0$ , designed smooth function supported on the central square  $C_0$ , right:  $m'_0$ , where  $m'_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\omega) = \mathbf{1}_{C_0}(\omega)$ .

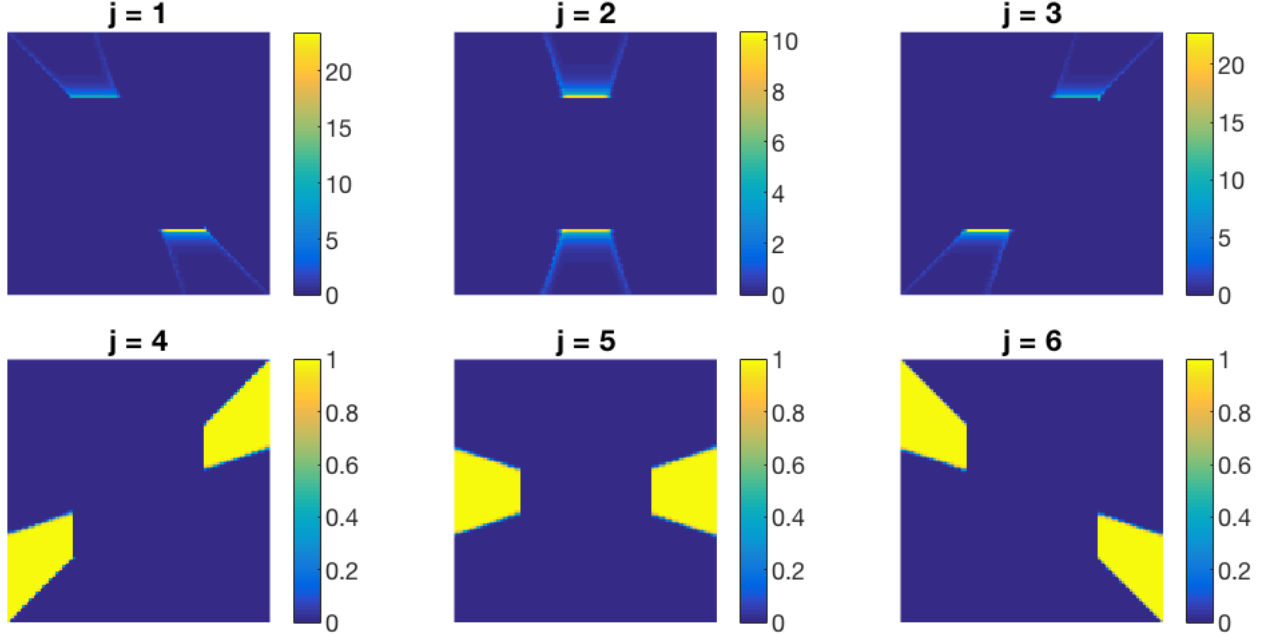


Figure 8: Top:  $|m_j(\omega)|$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$ , Bottom:  $|m_j(\omega)\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)|$ ,  $j = 4, 5, 6$ , where  $m_j(\omega)$  is solved from (27) given  $\widetilde{m}_j$  in Figure 5,  $m'_0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0$  in Figure 7.

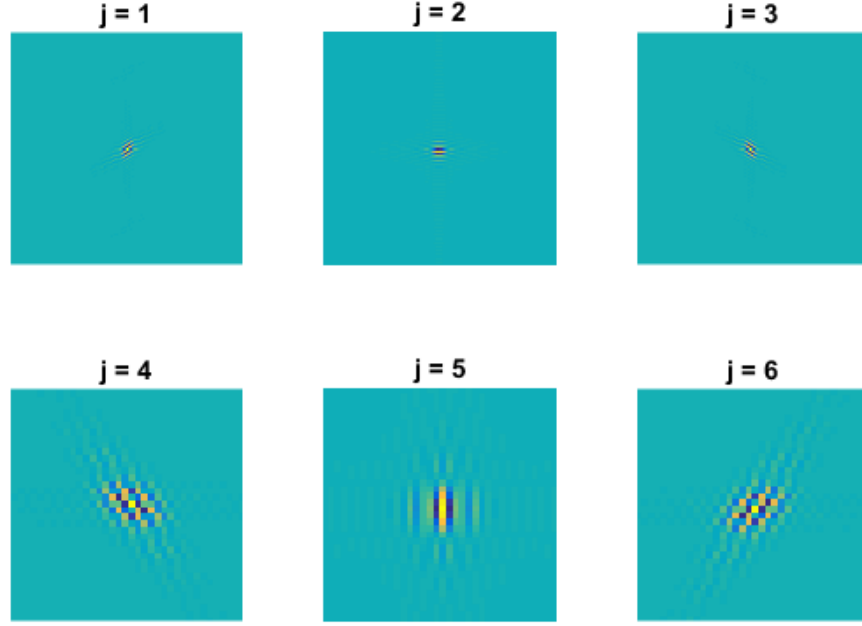


Figure 9: Real part of  $\widetilde{\psi}^j$  constructed from  $\widetilde{m}_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$  in Figure 5 and  $\widetilde{m}_0'$  in Figure 7 using (14). Top:  $\widetilde{\psi}^j$  without scaling, bottom:  $\widetilde{\psi}^j$  with eight time zoom-in

constrained quadratic optimization derived from the identity summation and shift cancellation conditions for a biorthogonal MRA. We show numerically that regularized dual wavelets  $\widetilde{\psi}^j$  can be constructed, yet their corresponding wavelets  $\psi^j$  are still discontinuous in frequency domain, which is unavoidable according to our analysis.

We have looked at extensions of orthonormal bases in two different directions: tight frames (which are self-dual but redundant) with low redundancy and bi-orthogonal bases (which remain non-redundant but are no longer self-dual). In both cases we can gain some regularity. The extension of the biorthogonal bases to low-redundancy dual frame construction is not studied here, achieve at least the same regularity as low-redundancy tight frames, but with more flexibility in the construction. We leave this further generalization to future work.

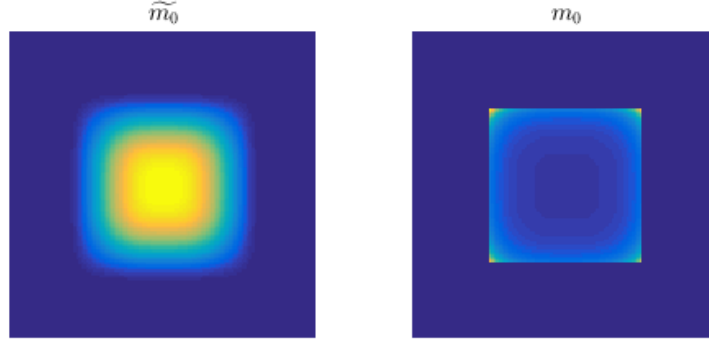


Figure 10: Left:  $\widetilde{m}_0$ , with support outside  $C_0$ , right:  $m'_0$ , where  $m'_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\omega) = \mathbf{1}_{C_0}(\omega)$ .

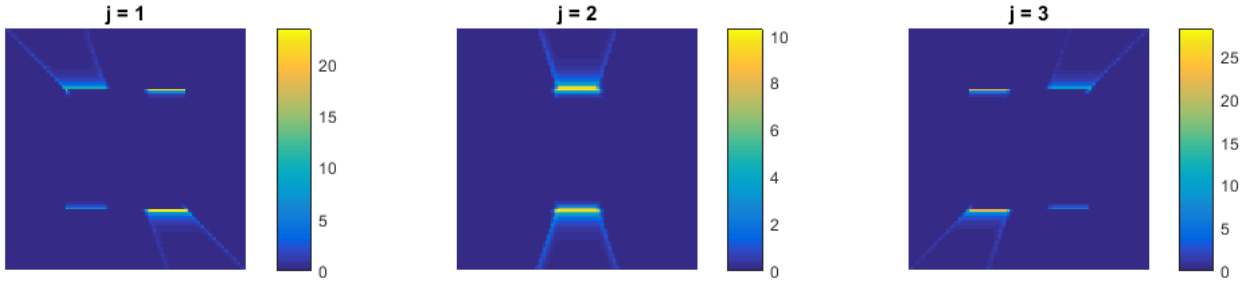


Figure 11:  $|m_j(\omega)|$  solved from (27) given  $\widetilde{m}_j$  in Figure 5,  $m'_0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0$  in Figure 10

# Appendices

## A Proof of Theorem 1

Take the Fourier transform of both sides of (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}} &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle f, \phi_{1,\mathbf{k}} \rangle e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{D}\mathbf{k}} |\mathbf{D}|^{1/2} \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{D}^\top \boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle f, \psi_{1,\mathbf{k}}^j \rangle e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{k}} |\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{D}|^{1/2} \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{D}^\top \boldsymbol{\omega}). \end{aligned}$$

We use  $\sum_{\mathbf{k}}$  for summation over  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  without specifying the set  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . Suppose  $m_j$  are trigonometric series

$$m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}} \quad m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} g_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}}, \quad j = 1, \dots, J. \quad (33)$$

The first term on the right hand side can be represented by  $\hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and  $\langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle$  using (1) and (33).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the first term on R.H.S.} &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle f, \phi_{1,\mathbf{k}} \rangle e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{D}\mathbf{k}} |\mathbf{D}|^{1/2} m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k}'} \langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle \overline{c_{\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{k}}} |\mathbf{D}|^{1/2} \right) e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{D}\mathbf{k}} |\mathbf{D}|^{1/2} m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}'} \langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle \left( |\mathbf{D}| \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \overline{c_{\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{k}}} e^{i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top (\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{k})} \right) e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}'} m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{\beta\} \doteq \mathbf{D}\mathbb{Z}^2 + \beta$  for  $\beta \in B$ , s.t.  $\bigcup_{\beta \in B} \{\beta\} = \mathbb{Z}^2$ .<sup>4</sup> The sum over  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  can then be written as a double sum  $\sum_{\beta \in B} \sum_{\mathbf{k}' \in \{\beta\}}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\beta \in B} \sum_{\mathbf{k}' \in \{\beta\}} \langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \overline{c_{\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{k}}} e^{i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top (\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{k})} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}'} |\mathbf{D}| m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \\ &= \sum_{\beta \in B} \sum_{\mathbf{k}' \in \{\beta\}} \langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \{\beta\}} \overline{c_{\mathbf{k}}} e^{i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}} \right) e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}'} |\mathbf{D}| m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}). \end{aligned}$$

Due to the identity  $\sum_{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_0} e^{i\boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \boldsymbol{\pi}} = |\Gamma_0| \chi_{\mathbf{D}\mathbb{Z}^2}(\boldsymbol{\beta})$ , the sum  $\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \{\beta\}} c_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}}$  equals to a linear combination of  $m_0$  with shifts in  $\Gamma_0$ ,

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \{\beta\}} c_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{|\Gamma_0|} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_0} m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}) e^{i\boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \boldsymbol{\pi}}. \quad (34)$$

Substitute (34) into the previous expression and notice  $|\Gamma_0| = |\mathbf{D}| = 4$ , we have

$$\sum_{\beta \in B} \sum_{\mathbf{k}' \in \{\beta\}} \langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle \sum_{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_0} \overline{m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \boldsymbol{\pi}} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}'} m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}).$$

Since  $e^{i\boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}} = e^{i\boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \mathbf{k}'}$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{k}' \in \{\beta\}$ , we can rewrite the double sum  $\sum_{\beta \in B} \sum_{\mathbf{k}' \in \{\beta\}}$  back to a unit sum over

<sup>4</sup>The choice of  $B$  is not unique and one choice is  $\{(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)\}$ .



$\mathbb{Z}^2$  as follows.

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}'} \langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}'} \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \left( \sum_{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_0} \overline{m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) e^{-i\boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \mathbf{k}'} \right).$$

Similarly, the second term on the R.H.S. of (6) equals to

$$\sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{\mathbf{k}'} \langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}'} \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \left( \sum_{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_1} \overline{m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) e^{-i\boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \mathbf{k}'} \right)$$

based on the following equality analogous to (34)

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \{\boldsymbol{\alpha}\}} g_{\mathbf{k}'} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{|\Gamma_1|} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_1} m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}) e^{i\boldsymbol{\alpha}^\top \boldsymbol{\pi}}, \quad (35)$$

where  $\{\boldsymbol{\alpha}\} \doteq \mathbf{QD}\mathbb{Z}^2 + \boldsymbol{\alpha}$  for  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in A$ , s.t.  $\bigcup_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in A} \{\boldsymbol{\alpha}\} = \mathbb{Z}^2$ . (For Theorem 3 on frame construction, the summation of shifts  $\boldsymbol{\pi}$  is over  $\Gamma_0$  instead of  $\Gamma_1$ .) Combining the two terms on the R.H.S. of (6), and compare the coefficients of  $\langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \rangle e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}'} \hat{\phi}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  on both sides, the perfect reconstruction condition is then equivalent to  $\forall \mathbf{k}'$ ,

$$\sum_{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_0} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \mathbf{k}'} \overline{m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) + \sum_j \sum_{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_1} e^{-i\boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \mathbf{k}'} \overline{m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = 1.$$

This is equivalent to

$$|m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})|^2 + \sum_j |m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})|^2 = 1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^J \overline{m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_0 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} \\ \sum_{j=1}^J \overline{m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &= 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\pi} \in \Gamma_1 \setminus \Gamma_0 \end{aligned}$$

□

*Remark.* If we have a shift  $\mathbf{k}_0$  in the down-sample scheme for  $\phi_1$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{D}\mathbb{Z}^2 - \mathbf{k}_0$  instead of  $\mathbf{D}\mathbb{Z}^2$ , so that we obtain coefficient of  $\tilde{\phi}_{1,\mathbf{k}} = \phi_{1,\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}_0}$  instead of  $\phi_{1,\mathbf{k}}$ , and  $\tilde{\phi}_1(\mathbf{x}) = \phi_1(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{k}_0) = |\mathbf{D}|^{1/2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}} \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_0) = |\mathbf{D}|^{1/2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}_0} \phi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{k})$ . This change of down-sample scheme results in an extra phase term  $e^{-i\boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \mathbf{k}_0}$  in  $m_0$ . Similarly, if we downsample  $\psi_1^j$  on a shifted sub-lattice  $\mathbf{QD}\mathbb{Z}^2 - \mathbf{k}_j$ , we then have an extra phase  $e^{i\boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \mathbf{k}_j}$  before  $\overline{m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi})} m_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  in shift cancellation condition. This provides additional freedom in the construction yet it is not substantial. Here, we use the down-sample scheme without translation.

## B Proof of lemmas and propositions for bi-orthogonal schemes

### B.1 Discontinuity of $\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})$

**Lemma B.1.** Define  $d_{i,j}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \det([\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^{k_1}(\boldsymbol{\omega})^\top, \dots, \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^{k_6}(\boldsymbol{\omega})^\top])$ , where  $0 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_6 \leq 7$ , s.t.  $k_l \neq i, j$ . (18) is solvable  $\forall \boldsymbol{\omega}$  if and only if

$$\mathfrak{D}(\omega) \begin{bmatrix} \overline{m_0}(\omega) \\ \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_2) \\ \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_4) \\ \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_6) \end{bmatrix} \doteq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & d_{0,2} & d_{0,4} & d_{0,6} \\ -d_{0,2} & 0 & d_{2,4} & d_{2,6} \\ -d_{0,4} & -d_{2,4} & 0 & d_{4,6} \\ -d_{0,6} & -d_{2,6} & -d_{4,6} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{m_0}(\omega) \\ \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_2) \\ \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_4) \\ \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_6) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (36)$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.2,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[k, :]$ ,  $k = 0, 2, 4, 6$  are singular, The singularity condition on  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, :](\omega)$  can be rewritten as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, :]) \\ &= \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_2) \cdot \det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[\widehat{2}, :]) \\ &\quad + \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_4) \cdot \det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[\widehat{4}, :]) + \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_6) \cdot \det(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[\widehat{6}, :]) \\ &= 0 \cdot \overline{m_0}(\omega) + d_{0,2} \cdot \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_2) \\ &\quad + d_{0,4} \cdot \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_4) + d_{0,6} \cdot \overline{m_0}(\omega + \pi_6) \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Similarly, the second to fourth equations can be obtained by rewriting the singularity condition on  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{2}, :]$ ,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{4}, :]$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{6}, :]$  respectively.  $\square$

The identity constraint (17) on  $m_0$  and the singularity condition (36) together imply the following proposition,

**Proposition B.2.** *Given  $\widetilde{m}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ , (18) has no solution for  $\widetilde{m}_0$ , if  $\exists \omega$ , s.t.  $[m_0(\omega), m_0(\omega + \pi_2), m_0(\omega + \pi_4), m_0(\omega + \pi_6)]$  is a linear combination of the rows of  $\mathfrak{D}(\omega)$ .*

**Proof of Lemma 4.3:**

**Lemma 4.3.**  $\exists \rho > 0$  s.t. if  $\omega \in S_\rho$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, :](\omega)$  is singular, then  $\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^1(\omega), \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^7(\omega)) = 1$  or  $\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^3(\omega), \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^5(\omega)) = 1$ .

*Proof.* When  $\rho$  is small enough, due to the concentration property,  $\widetilde{m}_i(\omega)$  is zero on all but a few sets  $S_\rho + \pi_j$  (see Fig.4 for reference of  $S_\rho$  and its shifts), thus  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^i(\omega)$  is sparse on  $S_\rho$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}]$  takes the following form

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\omega) = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^0 \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^1 \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^2 \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^3 \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^4 \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^5 \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^6 \\ \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & * & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & * & * & 0 & * \\ * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{bmatrix} \quad (38)$$

where  $*$  denote possible non-zero entries. We make the following observation of  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^i$ :

- (i)  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^0$  is a zero vector
- (ii)  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^2$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^4$  are linearly independent of each other and the rest of  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^i$
- (iii)  $\text{span}\{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7\} \perp \text{span}\{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5\}$  and  $\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7) \leq 2$ ,  
 $\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5) \leq 2$
- (iv)  $\text{span}\{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^6\} \leq 4$

Since  $S_\rho$  is in the low frequency domain,  $m_0(\omega) \neq 0$ . (22) then implies that  $\det(\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[k_\omega, :]) \neq 0$  hence  $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square$  is full rank, or equivalently,  $\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \hat{0}]) = 6$ . It follows from (ii) and (iv) that  $\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^6, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5) = 4$ . On the other hand, (ii) and (iv) imply that

$$\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega + \pi_2)) = \text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^0, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^4, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^6, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7) = 5$$

and likewise

$$\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega + \pi_4)) = \text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^0, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^2, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^6, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7) = 5.$$

Therefore,  $\det(\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega + \pi_2)) = \det(\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega + \pi_4)) = 0$  and (22) implies  $m_0(\omega + \pi_2) = m_0(\omega + \pi_4) = 0$ .

If  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7$  are linearly independent and so are  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5$ , then

$$\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega + \pi_6)) = \text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^2, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^4, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^1, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^7) = 6,$$

hence  $m_0(\omega + \pi_6) \neq 0$ . Therefore,

$$[m_0(\omega), m_0(\omega + \pi_2), m_0(\omega + \pi_4), m_0(\omega + \pi_6)] = [*, 0, 0, *].$$

In addition,  $d_{i,j} = 0, \forall(i, j)$  except  $(0, 6)$ , so in (36)

$$\mathfrak{D}(\omega) = [d_{0,6}, 0, 0, 0]^\top [0, 0, 0, 1] + [0, 0, 0, d_{0,6}]^\top [-1, 0, 0, 0].$$

By Proposition B.2, the linear system (18) has no solution  $\tilde{m}_0$  and this proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma B.3.** Let  $\tilde{S}_\rho = S_\rho \cap \{\omega : \text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3(\omega), \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5(\omega)) = 1\}$ , if  $\tilde{m}_3(\omega)$  and  $\tilde{m}_4(\omega)$  concentrate in  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  respectively, then  $|\tilde{S}_\rho| = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\tilde{S}_\rho + \pi_3 = \{\omega + \pi_3, \omega \in \tilde{S}_\rho\}$  and  $\Omega'$  be the set symmetric to a set  $\Omega \subset S_0$  with respect to the diagonal  $\omega_1 = -\omega_2$ . If  $|\tilde{S}_\rho| > 0$ , by the concentration of  $\tilde{m}_3(\omega)$  in  $T_3$ ,  $\forall \Omega \subset \tilde{S}_\rho + \pi_3 \subset T_3$  s.t.  $|\Omega| > 0$ ,  $\int_\Omega |\tilde{m}_3| > \int_{\Omega'} |\tilde{m}_3|$ . Due to the symmetry between  $|\tilde{m}_3|$  and  $|\tilde{m}_4|$  defined in (24),  $\int_{\Omega'} |\tilde{m}_3| = \int_\Omega |\tilde{m}_4|$ . Therefore,  $\int_\Omega |\tilde{m}_3| > \int_\Omega |\tilde{m}_4|$  which implies that  $|\tilde{m}_3(\omega)| > |\tilde{m}_4(\omega)|$  a.e. on  $\tilde{S}_\rho + \pi_3$  or equivalently  $|\tilde{m}_3(\omega + \pi_3)| > |\tilde{m}_4(\omega + \pi_3)|$  a.e. on  $\tilde{S}_\rho$ . Similarly, we have  $|\tilde{m}_4(\omega + \pi_5)| > |\tilde{m}_3(\omega + \pi_5)|$  a.e. on  $\tilde{S}_\rho$  following the same analysis on  $\tilde{S}_\rho + \pi_5 \subset T_4$ . On the other hand,  $\text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^3(\omega), \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^5(\omega)) = 1$  on  $\tilde{S}_\rho$ , hence  $\tilde{m}_3(\omega + \pi_3)\tilde{m}_4(\omega + \pi_5) = \tilde{m}_3(\omega + \pi_5)\tilde{m}_4(\omega + \pi_3)$ , which contradicts the previous two inequalities.  $\square$

**Lemma B.4.** *If  $\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)$  ( $\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)$ ) concentrates in  $T_1(T_6)$ , then  $|\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)| > |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)|$  a.e. on  $T_6 \cap \text{supp}(\widetilde{m}_6)$  ( $|\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)| > |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)|$  a.e. on  $T_1 \cap \text{supp}(\widetilde{m}_1)$ ).*

*Proof.* Let  $B_6 = \{\omega : |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)| \leq |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)|\} \cap T_6 \cap \text{supp}(\widetilde{m}_1)$  and  $B_1$  be the set symmetric to  $B_6$  with respect to  $\omega_1 = \omega_2$  and suppose  $|B_6| > 0$ , then  $\int_{B_6} |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)| \leq \int_{B_6} |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)|$ . On the other hand, since  $\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)$  concentrates in  $T_1$ , we know  $\int_{B_1} |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)| > \int_{B_6} |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)|$ . Moreover, due to the symmetry of  $\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)$ ,  $\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)$  and  $B_1, B_6$ ,  $\int_{B_1} |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)| = \int_{B_6} |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)|$ , hence  $\int_{B_6} |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)| \geq \int_{B_6} |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)| = \int_{B_1} |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)|$  which results in contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition B.5.** *If  $m_1$  ( $m_6$ ) concentrates within  $T_1$  ( $T_6$ ), then  $\widetilde{m}_1(\omega) = \widetilde{m}_6(\omega) = 0$ , a.e. on  $S_\rho + \pi_1$ .*

*Proof.* Consider frequency domain  $S'_\rho = S_\rho \cap \{\omega_1 < \omega_2\}$ . By Lemma 4.3,  $\exists \alpha_\omega \in \mathbb{C}$ , s.t.  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^1(\omega) = \alpha_\omega \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^7(\omega)$ ,  $\forall \omega \in S'_\rho$ , i.e.  $\widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_1) = \alpha_\omega \cdot \widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_7)$  and  $\widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_1) = \alpha_\omega \cdot \widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_7)$ . On the other hand, Lemma B.4 implies that  $|\widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_7)| \geq |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_7)|$ , hence  $|\widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_1)| \geq |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_1)|$ . Let  $\Omega'_6 \doteq (S_\rho + \pi_1) \cap T_6$ , then  $\int_{\Omega'_6} |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)| \geq \int_{\Omega'_6} |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)|$ , which will contradict Lemma B.4 unless  $|\Omega'_6 \cap \text{supp}(\widetilde{m}_6)| = 0$ , or equivalently  $\alpha_\omega = 0$  and so  $\widetilde{m}_6(\omega) = \widetilde{m}_1(\omega) = 0$ , a.e. on  $\Omega'_6$ . By symmetry,  $\widetilde{m}_6(\omega) = \widetilde{m}_1(\omega) = 0$ , a.e. on  $(S_\rho + \pi_1) \setminus \Omega'_6$  as well.  $\square$

## B.2 Design of input $\widetilde{m}_j(\omega)$

**Proof of Lemma 5.1:**

**Lemma 5.1.** *If  $\exists \omega \in D_1 := \{\omega_1 = \omega_2, \omega_1 \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)\}$ , s.t.  $|m_0(\omega)| \neq 0$ , then  $(\eta_1 - \eta_6)^\top (\pi_6 - \pi_7) \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi}$ .*

*Proof.* As  $\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)$  and  $\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)$  concentrate in  $T_1$  and  $T_6$  respectively,  $\widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_i) = 0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_i) = 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ . Due to symmetry,  $|\widetilde{m}_1(\omega)| = |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega)|$  on  $\{\omega_1 = \omega_2\}$ . Let  $A = |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_7)| = |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_7)|$  and  $B = |\widetilde{m}_1(\omega + \pi_6)| = |\widetilde{m}_6(\omega + \pi_6)|$ , then the first and the last columns of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square$  are

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[:, 1] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ Ae^{i\eta_1^\top(\omega + \pi_6)} \\ Be^{i\eta_1^\top(\omega + \pi_7)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[:, 6] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ Ae^{i\eta_6^\top(\omega + \pi_6)} \\ Be^{i\eta_6^\top(\omega + \pi_7)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

By (22), if  $m_0(\omega) > 0$ ,  $\omega \in D_1$  then  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square(\omega)$  is full rank, hence its columns are linearly independent. In particular,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[:, 1]$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}^\square[:, 6]$  are linearly independent, which implies that  $e^{i(\eta_1^\top \pi_6 + \eta_6^\top \pi_7)} \neq e^{i(\eta_6^\top \pi_6 + \eta_1^\top \pi_7)}$  or equivalently  $(\eta_1 - \eta_6)^\top (\pi_6 - \pi_7) \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi}$ .  $\square$

### Proof of Proposition 5.2

**Proposition 5.2.** *If  $\widetilde{m}_0(\mathbf{0}) \neq 0$ , then  $\pi_1^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_6) \neq \pi(\text{mod } 2\pi)$  or  $\pi_3^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_3 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_4) \neq \pi(\text{mod } 2\pi)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\widetilde{m}_0(\mathbf{0}) \neq 0$ , as shown in Lemma 4.3, at  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{0}$   $\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^1, \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^6, \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^7, \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^3, \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}^5) = 4$ . This is equivalent to the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  defined in (39) to be full rank.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}_6) & \widetilde{m}_6(\boldsymbol{\pi}_6) & \widetilde{m}_3(\boldsymbol{\pi}_6) & \widetilde{m}_4(\boldsymbol{\pi}_6) \\ \widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}_1) & \widetilde{m}_6(\boldsymbol{\pi}_1) & 0 & 0 \\ \widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}_7) & \widetilde{m}_6(\boldsymbol{\pi}_7) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \widetilde{m}_3(\boldsymbol{\pi}_3) & \widetilde{m}_4(\boldsymbol{\pi}_3) \\ 0 & 0 & \widetilde{m}_3(\boldsymbol{\pi}_5) & \widetilde{m}_4(\boldsymbol{\pi}_5) \end{bmatrix} \quad (39)$$

Let  $|\widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}_1)| = a$ ,  $|\widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}_6)| = b$ . Due to the symmetry of  $\widetilde{m}_j(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ,  $|\widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}_1)| = |\widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}_7)| = |\widetilde{m}_6(\boldsymbol{\pi}_1)| = |\widetilde{m}_6(\boldsymbol{\pi}_7)| = |\widetilde{m}_3(\boldsymbol{\pi}_3)| = |\widetilde{m}_3(\boldsymbol{\pi}_5)| = |\widetilde{m}_4(\boldsymbol{\pi}_3)| = |\widetilde{m}_4(\boldsymbol{\pi}_5)|$  and  $|\widetilde{m}_1(\boldsymbol{\pi}_6)| = |\widetilde{m}_6(\boldsymbol{\pi}_6)| = |\widetilde{m}_3(\boldsymbol{\pi}_6)| = |\widetilde{m}_4(\boldsymbol{\pi}_6)|$ .

Rewrite  $\mathbf{A}$  as follows,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} be^{-i\pi_6^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_1} & be^{-i\pi_6^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_6} & be^{-i\pi_6^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_3} & be^{-i\pi_6^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_4} \\ ae^{-i\pi_1^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_1} & ae^{-i\pi_1^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_6} & 0 & 0 \\ ae^{i\pi_1^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_1} & ae^{i\pi_1^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_6} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & ae^{-i\pi_3^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_3} & ae^{-i\pi_3^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_4} \\ 0 & 0 & ae^{i\pi_3^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_3} & ae^{i\pi_3^\top \boldsymbol{\eta}_4} \end{bmatrix}$$

The product of singular values of  $\mathbf{A}$  is

$$\sqrt{\det(\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A})} = 4a^3 \sqrt{a^2 K_1^2 K_2^2 + b^2 (Q_1 K_2^2 + Q_2 K_1^2)}, \quad (40)$$

where  $Q_1 = 1 - \cos(\pi_6^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_6)) \cos(\pi_1^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_6))$ ,  $Q_2 = 1 - \cos(\pi_6^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_3 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_4)) \cos(\pi_3^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_3 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_4))$ ,  $K_1 = \sin(\pi_1^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_6))$ ,  $K_2 = \sin(\pi_3^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_3 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_4))$ . If  $\pi_1^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_6) = \pi_3^\top(\boldsymbol{\eta}_3 - \boldsymbol{\eta}_4) = \pi(\text{mod } 2\pi)$ , then  $K_1 = K_2 = 0$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  becomes singular.  $\square$

### B.3 Solving (18) and (17) for $m_0, \widetilde{m}_0$ and $m_j$

**Lemma B.6.** *Let  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a projection matrix of rank 2 and  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}' \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , s.t.  $\mathbf{a}^* \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{a}')^* \mathbf{b}' = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}'^* \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}^* \mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{b}^* \mathbf{b}' = 0$ . If  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}') = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{P}$  is the projection of  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}'\}$ .*

*Proof.* Since

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{I}_n) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}') + \text{rank}(\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b}) + \text{rank}(\mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}'),$$

it follows that  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}') \geq n - 2$ . On the other hand, because  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{P}) = 2$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}') = \mathbf{0}$  implies that  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}') \leq n - 2$ . Hence  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}') = n - 2$

and  $\mathbf{P}$  is the projection of  $\text{col}(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}')^\perp$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b}^*(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}') &= \mathbf{b}^* - (\mathbf{b}^* \mathbf{a}) \mathbf{b}^* - (\mathbf{b}^* \mathbf{a}') (\mathbf{b}')^* \\ &= \mathbf{b}^* - \mathbf{b}^* - 0 \cdot (\mathbf{b}')^* = \mathbf{0}^*. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}$ . Similarly,  $(\mathbf{b}')^*(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}' \otimes \mathbf{b}') = \mathbf{0}^*$  and  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{b}'$ . Moreover, as  $\mathbf{b}^* \mathbf{b}' = 0$  and  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{P}) = 2$ ,  $\mathbf{P} = \|\mathbf{b}\|^{-2} \cdot \mathbf{b} \otimes \mathbf{b} + \|\mathbf{b}'\|^{-2} \cdot \mathbf{b}' \otimes \mathbf{b}'$ .  $\square$

**Lemma B.7.** *Given  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\omega)$  is full rank  $\forall \omega$ ,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, :](\omega)$  is singular if (17) holds.*

*Proof.* If (17) holds, then by Lemma B.6,  $\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{O}$  are orthogonal to  $\text{col}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}])$ , therefore  $[\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{O}, \mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{E}, \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}]] \in \mathbb{C}^{8 \times 8}$  is full rank. Due to (17),  $\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{E}$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{E}}$  are not orthogonal to each other, hence  $[\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{O}, \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{E}}, \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}]] = [\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{O}, \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}]$  is full rank as well. Because  $(\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{O})^* \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, i] = 0$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 7$  and  $\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{O}[\widehat{0}]^* \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, i] = (\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{O})^* \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, i]$ ,  $\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{O}[\widehat{0}]$  is orthogonal to  $\text{col}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, :])$ . Since  $[\mathbf{m}_0^\mathcal{O}[\widehat{0}], \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, :]] \in \mathbb{C}^{7 \times 8}$  is full rank,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\widehat{0}, :]$  must be singular.  $\square$

### Proof of Proposition 5.3:

**Proposition 5.3.** *Let  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{odd}, \widehat{0}](\omega), \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\omega) \in \mathbb{C}^{4 \times 6}$  be the sub-matrices of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\omega)$  consisting of odd and even indexed rows respectively.  $\forall \omega \in S_0$ , suppose (5.2.i) and (17) are satisfied, then (5.2.ii) holds if and only if  $\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{odd}, \widehat{0}](\omega)) = \text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\omega)) = 3$  and*

$$[m_0(\omega), m_0(\omega + \pi_2), m_0(\omega + \pi_4), m_0(\omega + \pi_6)] \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}](\omega) = \mathbf{0}, \quad (28)$$

$$[m_0(\omega + \pi_1), m_0(\omega + \pi_3), m_0(\omega + \pi_5), m_0(\omega + \pi_7)] \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{odd}, \widehat{0}](\omega) = \mathbf{0}. \quad (29)$$

*Proof.* Note that  $\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}]$  have the same rows at  $\omega + \pi_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 7$ , we define row permutation matrix  $\mathbf{P}_i$ , s.t.  $\mathbf{P}_i(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\omega + \pi_i)) = \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\omega)$ . Let  $\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}}(\omega)$  be the projection matrix of the  $\text{col}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}](\omega))^\perp = \text{null}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}]^*)$ , then (5.2.ii) is equivalent to  $\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}} \mathbf{b}'_0(\omega) = \mathbf{0}$ . Group this equality at  $\omega + \pi_i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= [\mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}} \mathbf{b}'_0(\omega + \pi_i)]_{i=0, \dots, 7} \\ &= [\mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}}(\omega + \pi_i) \mathbf{P}_i^2 \mathbf{b}'_0(\omega + \pi_i)]_{i=0, \dots, 7} \\ &= [\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}}(\omega) \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{b}'_0(\omega + \pi_i)]_{i=0, \dots, 7} \\ &= \mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}}(\omega) [\mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{b}'_0(\omega + \pi_i)]_{i=0, \dots, 7} \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}_0}^{\mathcal{E}} &= [(1 + i \bmod 2) \cdot \overline{\widetilde{m}_0}(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)]_{i=0, \dots, 7}^{\top} = \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, 0](\boldsymbol{\omega}), \\ \overline{\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}_0}^{\mathcal{O}} &= [(i \bmod 2) \cdot \overline{\widetilde{m}_0}(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)]_{i=0, \dots, 7}^{\top}, \\ \mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{E}} &= [(1 + i \bmod 2) \cdot m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)]_{i=0, \dots, 7}^{\top}, \\ \mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{O}} &= [(i \bmod 2) \cdot m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)]_{i=0, \dots, 7}^{\top}.\end{aligned}$$

The identity constraint (17) thus can be written as  $(\overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{E}}})^* \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{E}}} = 1$  and  $(\overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{O}}})^* \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{O}}} = 1$ . By definition,

$$\mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{b}'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i) = \mathbf{P}_i (\mathbf{b}_0 - m_0 \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, 0](\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)) = \mathbf{b}_i - m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i) \mathbf{P}_i (\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, 0](\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i))$$

and

$$\mathbf{P}_i (\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, 0](\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)) = \begin{cases} \widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, 0] = \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{E}}}, & i \text{ is even} \\ \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{O}}}, & i \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Substitute the above expression of  $\mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{b}'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)$  in (41) and we have

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}} (\mathbf{I}_8 - \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{E}}} \otimes \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{E}}} - \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{O}}} \otimes \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{O}}}) \quad (42)$$

Therefore, by Lemma B.6,  $\mathbf{P}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}}$  is the projection of  $\text{span}\{\overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{O}}}, \overline{\mathbf{m}_0^{\mathcal{E}}}\}$ . This is equivalent to (28) and (29).

Finally, since

$$6 = \text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[:, \widehat{0}]) \leq \text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{odd}, \widehat{0}]) + \text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}]) \leq (4 - 1) + (4 - 1),$$

$$\text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{odd}, \widehat{0}]) = \text{rank}(\widetilde{\mathbf{M}}[\text{even}, \widehat{0}]) = 3. \quad \square$$

## C Joint optimization of $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ and $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$

In Algorithm 1,  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is chosen in step 3. to construct  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ , which replaces  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and is used to create the linear constraint in (32) in step 4. Since different  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  correspond to different  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ , hence different linear constraints (31) on  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ;  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  obtained in step 4. is optimal with respect to the pre-fixed  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  from step 3., but not necessarily global optimal considering all possible choices of  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ . Therefore, we propose an alternative approach that combines step 3. and step 4. in Algorithm 1, where  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  are jointly optimized to obtain  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  with the best possible regularity given unregularized  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  from step 2.

By the definition in Proposition 5.4,  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ . Furthermore, since  $c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  is  $\pi$ -periodic in both  $\omega_1, \omega_2$ , we have  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i) = m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)c(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ ,  $i = 2, 4, 6$ . Hence the constraint (17) on  $\widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  with  $m_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  replaced by  $m'_0(\boldsymbol{\omega})$  can be reformulated as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= m'_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) + m'_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2) + m'_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4) + m'_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6) \\ &= c(\boldsymbol{\omega}) (m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega}) + m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_2) + m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_4) + m_0 \widetilde{m}_0(\boldsymbol{\omega} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_6)).\end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Using the same setup of the optimization (32), we convert (43) to a constraint on a  $2N \times 2N$  grid  $\mathcal{G} = \{\omega_i\}_{i=1}^{4N^2}$  of  $[-\pi, \pi) \times [-\pi, \pi)$ . Let  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{4N^2}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{N^2 \times 4N^2}$  be the same as in (31) except that  $\mathbf{A}_0$  is constructed by unregularized  $m_0$  instead of  $m'_0$  for  $\mathbf{A}$ . Let  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{N^2 \times N^2}$  be a diagonal matrix whose  $j$ -th diagonal entry is  $c(\omega_j)$ , where  $\omega_j \in \mathcal{G} \cap [-\pi, 0) \times [-\pi, 0)$  in the same order as the rows of  $\mathbf{A}_0$ . Then (43) is equivalent to the following constraint on the grid  $\mathcal{G}$ ,

$$\mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}_0 \widetilde{\mathbf{m}}_0 = \mathbf{1}_{N^2}. \quad (44)$$

We formulate the joint optimization on  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}_0$  analogous to (32) as follows,

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{4N^2}, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{C}^{N^2}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}\|^2, \quad s.t. \mathbf{C} \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{C} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{c}). \quad (45)$$

Since the objective function does not involve  $\mathbf{c}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  can be expressed in terms of  $\mathbf{x}$  as long as  $\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{x}$  has no zero entry. Therefore, solving (43) is equivalent to solving the following optimization for  $\widetilde{\mathbf{m}}_0$ .

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{4N^2}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}\|^2, \quad s.t. |\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{x}| > 0, \quad (46)$$

where  $|\cdot|$  in the constraint is a pointwise operator that computes the absolute value. The constraint  $|\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{x}| > 0$  can be rewritten as a set of quadratic constraints  $\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{A}_0[i, :]^* \mathbf{A}_0[i, :] \mathbf{x} > 0$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, N^2 - 1$ . Therefore, (46) is a quadratically constrained quadratic program. Furthermore, since  $\mathbf{Q}_i \doteq \mathbf{A}_0[i, :]^* \mathbf{A}_0[i, :]$  is positive semi-definite, (46) is not convex and is NP-hard in general. One may solve the convex relaxation of (46) using semidefinite programming (SDP). Instead of solving  $\mathbf{x}$ , we solve  $\mathbf{X} \doteq \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^*$  and convert (46) into

$$\min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{4N^2 \times 4N^2}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}^* \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}), \quad s.t. \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{X}) > 0, \mathbf{X} \succeq 0, \text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = 1, \quad (47)$$

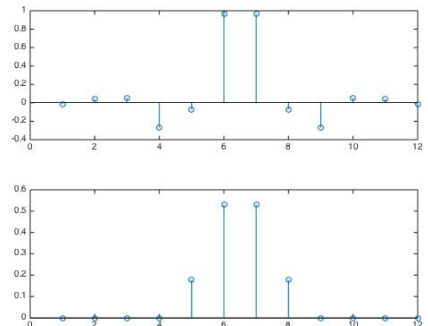
where  $\mathbf{X} \succeq 0$  is the positive semidefinite constraint on  $\mathbf{X}$ . By removing the non-convex rank constraint  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = 1$ , (47) becomes a SDP and can be efficiently solved. Yet the solution  $\mathbf{X}$  may not be rank 1 and require post processing (e.g. singular value decomposition) to obtain an approximate solution of (46).

## D Supplementary Numerical Results

### D.1 Numerical optimization of $\widetilde{m}_0(\omega)$ in 1D

To test whether numerical optimization is a practical way to solve (17) and (21), we experiment on  $m_0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0$  of existing bi-orthogonal wavelets. We consider a pair of low frequency filters corresponding to bi-orthogonal scaling functions  $\phi, \tilde{\phi}$  with vanishing moments 3 and 5 respectively.

The 1D filters are shown in Fig.12. Suppose we know the decomposition filter, and we want to find the reconstruction filter by solving (21), such that the filter has support as concentrated as possible. Without loss of generality, (21) can be





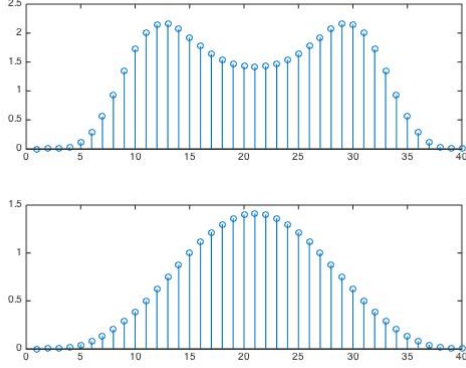


Figure 13:  $m_0(\omega)$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0(\omega)$

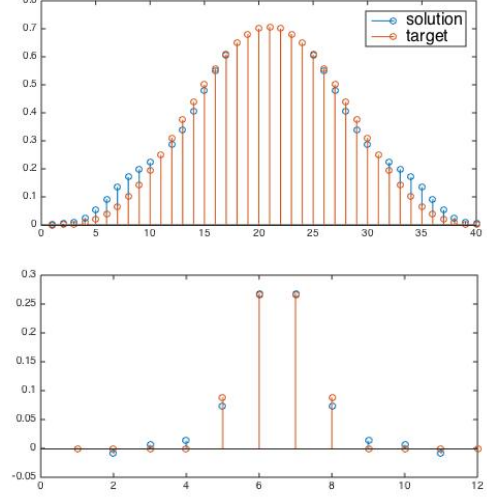


Figure 14:  $\widehat{m}_0$  vs.  $\widetilde{m}_0$ , top: frequency domain, bottom: time domain

solved assuming that  $m_0$  is real. It is not necessary that the corresponding  $\widetilde{m}_0$  is also real, but in this testing case,  $m_0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0$  are both real. Fig.13 shows the ground truth  $m_0$  and  $\widetilde{m}_0$  considered in this simulation.

Let  $\widehat{m}_0(\omega)$  be the approximation of  $\widetilde{m}_0(\omega)$ , which is solution of the following optimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x}\|^2, \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1} \quad (48)$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  in the constraint is the matrix generated from (17) (in 1D, only a single shift of  $\pi$  appears in the condition, so each row of  $\mathbf{A}$  has two non-zero entries). Figure 14 compares the solution of (48) and the ground truth. The support of the solution is slightly more spread out than the ground truth.

## D.2 Numerical optimization of $\widehat{m}_0(\omega)$ in 2D

In the 2D case, we use the pair of bi-orthogonal low-pass filters that are the tensor products of the 1D filters in Section D.1 as ground truth. We solve the 2D version of the optimization problem (48). Figure 15 shows the solution and compares it with the ground truth.

To make the support of  $\widehat{m}_0(\omega)$  better concentrate within the low frequency domain, we change the squared  $\ell_2$ -norm penalty in (48) to a weighted version (corresponding to Modulation space) as follows,

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{w} \circ \mathbf{x}\|^2, \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1} \quad (49)$$

where  $\circ$  is Hadamard product and  $\mathbf{w}$  is a weight vector. In particular, we choose  $\forall \omega, \mathbf{w}(\omega) = \|\omega\|$ . Fig.16

shows the solution of (49) with  $\lambda = 600$ .

Compared to (32) proposed to solve  $\widetilde{m}_0(\omega)$ , both optimization problems (48) and (49) in this simulation minimize total variation(TV) of  $\widetilde{m}_0$  instead of  $\widetilde{m}_0 \cdot m_0$  and have an extra (weighted)  $\ell_2$  regularization term. Although (48) and (49) work better than (32) for tensor wavelet construction here, they do not provide better solutions in the construction of directional wavelets and cost more computation time.

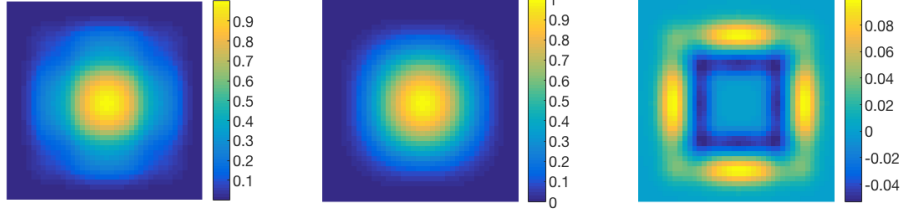


Figure 15: Left to right: solution of (48) in 2D, ground truth and their difference

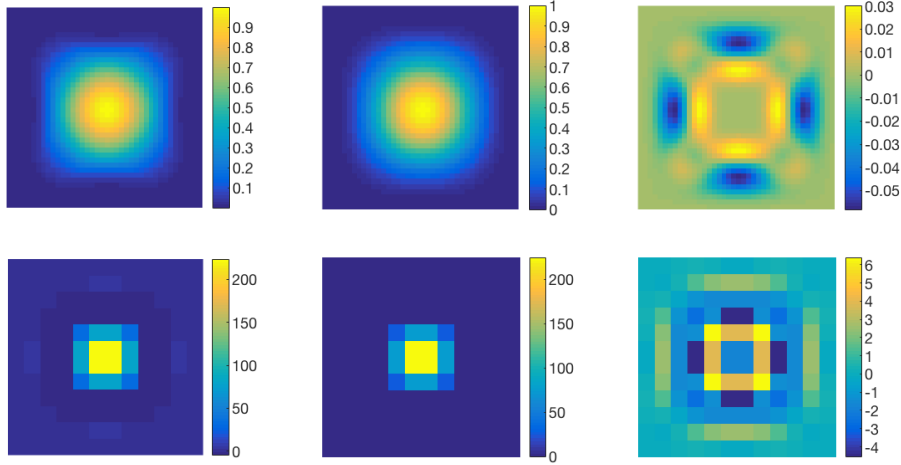


Figure 16: Left to right: solution of (49) ( $\lambda = 600$ ), ground truth and their difference; Top: frequency domain, bottom: time domain.

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