

# CONTINUOUS AND DISCRETE FRAMES GENERATED BY THE EVOLUTION FLOW OF THE SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. We study a family of coherent states, called Schrödingerlets, both in the continuous and discrete setting. They are defined in terms of the Schrödinger equation of a free quantum particle and some of its invariant transformations.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In Quantum Mechanics, the time evolution of a  $d$ -dimensional free particle is described by the Schrödinger equation

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(x, t) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta f(x, t) \\ f(\cdot, 0) = f_0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Delta$  is the Laplace operator acting on the “space” variable  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $f_0$  is a square-integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  describing the state of the quantum particle at time zero (for the sake of simplicity, the mass is normalised so that the Laplacian has the simple factor  $1/2\pi$ ).

The aim of this paper is to introduce a new family of coherent states (*i.e.* a frame) generated by the time evolution unitary operator defined by the Schrödinger equation; following [1, 2, 15], its elements are called *Schrödingerlets*.

Clearly, the time evolution operator  $e^{i\frac{t}{2\pi}\Delta}$  is not enough to generate a frame for  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , hence we need to add other unitary transformations. Observe that equation (1.1) is invariant both with respect to the rotations  $R \in \text{SO}(d)$ , under the canonical action

$$f(x, t) \mapsto f(Rx, t),$$

and with respect to the dilations  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , under the parabolic action

$$f(x, t) \mapsto a^{\frac{d}{4}} f(\sqrt{a}x, at),$$

where the factor  $a^{\frac{d}{4}}$  ensures that the  $L^2$ -norm of  $f(\cdot, t)$  is preserved. Thus, it is natural to consider the group  $G = (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+) \times \text{SO}(d)$ , *i.e.* the direct product of

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the identity component of the one-dimensional affine group and  $\mathrm{SO}(d)$ , and the corresponding unitary representation  $\pi$  acting on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  as

$$(1.2) \quad \pi(t, a, R)f = a^{-\frac{d}{4}} e^{i\frac{t}{2\pi}\Delta} f_{a,R},$$

where  $f_{a,R}(x) = f(a^{-\frac{1}{2}}R^{-1}x)$ . It follows that the solution of (1.1) is given by

$$f(x, t) = \pi(t, 1, \mathbf{I})f_0(x),$$

and for any rotation  $R \in \mathrm{SO}(d)$

$$f(Rx, t) = \pi(t, 1, R^{-1})f_0(x),$$

whereas for any dilation  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+$

$$a^{\frac{d}{4}} f(\sqrt{a}x, at) = \pi(t, a^{-1}, \mathbf{I})f_0(x).$$

Our goal is to study the properties of the corresponding family of coherent states  $\{\pi(x)\eta\}_{x \in G}$  where  $\eta$  is a suitable “ground state”, *i.e.* an admissible vector. In the context of signal analysis, this amounts to analyze the *voice transform*

$$f \mapsto \langle f, \pi(\cdot)\eta \rangle$$

as a map from  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  into a suitable Banach space of functions on  $G$ . We restrict ourselves to the  $L^2$ -framework, both in the continuous and in the discrete setting. Our main contribution is twofold. First, we show that  $\pi$  is a reproducing representation of  $G$  and we characterize its admissible vectors. This result was already known for  $d = 2$  [15], and here we extend the proof to arbitrary  $d$ . Furthermore, we construct a discrete Parseval frame of the form  $\{\pi(x_i)\eta\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a suitable sampling of  $G$ .

In Section 2 we introduce the Schrödingerlets in two dimensions and we discuss the construction of a Parseval frame of two-dimensional Schrödingerlets. The purpose of this dimensionality restriction is twofold. Firstly, it allows to present the main ideas of this work in a simpler way, so that it may serve as a good introduction to the more involved general setting. Secondly, the two-dimensional case is somehow different from the higher dimensional cases, since when  $d = 2$  the spherical harmonics on  $S^{d-1}$  correspond to the standard Fourier series; thus, a separate presentation allows to underline the peculiarities of the case  $d = 2$ .

Section 3 is devoted to studying the Schrödingerlets in any dimension. Proposition 3.3 shows that  $\pi$  is a reproducing representation and characterizes its admissible vectors. As a consequence, the Schrödingerlet voice transform permits to represent the quantum states as continuous functions on the parameter space  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathrm{SO}(d)$ . Time evolution and rotations correspond to translations in the first and third variable, respectively, whereas dilations give rise to a multi-scale analysis of the original quantum state.

The main result of the paper is Theorem 3.4, which provides sufficient conditions in order to have a Parseval discrete frame.

We refer to [3, 19] for a general introduction to coherent states and reproducing formulæ associated with unitary representations. Schrödingerlets in dimension two were first introduced in [15] and further discussed in [1, 2], where  $G$  is regarded as a closed subgroup of the symplectic group and  $\pi$  is equivalent to the restriction to  $G$  of the metaplectic representation, whose role in signal analysis has been investigated in a series of papers [9, 10, 11, 12, 23]. We remark that the representation  $\pi$  is reducible and its reproducing kernel is not integrable. Hence, we cannot directly

apply the classical theory of square-integrable representations by Duflo and Moore [16], nor the coorbit space theory developed by Feichtinger and Gröchenig [17, 18].

Another construction based on the covariance properties of a free quantum particle is given by the coherent states associated to the isochronous Galilei group (see [3, Chapter 8.4.2] and references therein). However, in this case, the dilations are not present and the frame does not depend on the time parameter. Indeed, in order to make the representation square-integrable it is necessary to reduce the Galilei group by taking the quotient modulo a group that contains the time translations.

The proof that  $\pi$  is a reproducing representation is based on the general theory developed in [15]. However, since  $\pi$  is the direct sum of a countable family of square-integrable representations  $\pi_i$ . A general approach to obtain a discrete frame without assuming that the kernel is in  $L^1(G)$  has been developed in [4, 5, 6, 20], but it requires the boundedness of a suitable convolution operator (see condition (R3) of [4]), which is hard to prove in our setting. We follow here a different approach. Taking into account that  $\pi = \bigoplus_i \pi_i$ , the discretization is achieved by a slight generalization of a well known result on discrete wavelet frames in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  [22, Theorem 1.6, Chapter 7], by Schur's orthogonality relations for finite groups and a technical lemma about Parseval frames (Lemma 3.6). Comparing with the approach taken in [4], we are able to provide only Hilbert frames; we hope to extend our results in future work and succeed in describing Banach frames related to the function spaces introduced in [5, 6, 13].

## 2. THE MAIN RESULT IN TWO DIMENSIONS

We state here the main result of this paper particularized for two-dimensional signals. In the first part of the section we introduce the continuous Schrödingerlets following [13].

**2.1. The continuous Schrödingerlets in 2D.** For  $d = 2$  by identifying the abelian group  $\text{SO}(2)$  with the one dimensional torus  $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$  as

$$\theta \longleftrightarrow R_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

the group  $G$  is  $(\mathbb{R} \rtimes \mathbb{R}_+) \times \mathcal{T}$  and its elements are denote by  $(b, a, \theta)$ , writing  $b$  instead of time variable  $t$ . In order to better visualize the action of  $\pi$  given by (1.2), it is worth rewriting it in an equivalent formulation by means of an intertwining operator  $S$  which we shall now define. We work in the Fourier domain with polar coordinates, and then perform a Fourier series with respect to the angular variable.

Below we write  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^2$  for the dual space to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $dx$  and  $d\xi$  denote the corresponding Lebesgue measures, whereas  $d\theta$  is the Riemannian measure of  $\mathcal{T}$  (so that  $\int_{\mathcal{T}} d\theta = 2\pi$ ). We let  $\mathcal{F}: L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^2)$  denote the Fourier transform given by

$$\mathcal{F}f(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \cdot \xi} dx \quad \xi \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}^2$$

whenever  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and  $x \cdot \xi$  is the Euclidean scalar product.

Define the unitary operator  $J: L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^2) \rightarrow L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+ \times \mathcal{T})$  by

$$J\hat{f}(\omega, \theta) = \hat{f}(\sqrt{\omega} \cos \theta, \sqrt{\omega} \sin \theta) / \sqrt{2} \quad \hat{f} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^2), \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \theta \in \mathcal{T}.$$

The unitarily equivalent representation  $(J\mathcal{F})\pi(J\mathcal{F})^{-1}$  acting on  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+ \times \mathcal{T})$  reads

$$(2.1) \quad (J\mathcal{F})\pi(J\mathcal{F})^{-1}(b, a, \phi)\hat{f}(\omega, \theta) = a^{1/2} e^{-2\pi i b \omega} \hat{f}(a\omega, \theta - \phi) \quad \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \theta \in \mathcal{T}$$

for all  $(b, a, \phi) \in G$  and  $\hat{f} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+ \times \mathcal{T})$ . The action on the radial variable can be described by the representation of  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$  on  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  given by

$$(2.2) \quad \widehat{W}^+(b, a)g(\omega) = a^{1/2}e^{-2\pi ib\omega}g(a\omega) \quad \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, (b, a) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+, g \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+),$$

which is nothing else than the one-dimensional wavelet representation in the positive frequency domain. The action on the angular variable is simply given by a rotation  $\rho(\phi)z(\theta) = z(\theta - \phi)$  for  $z \in L^2(\mathcal{T})$ . Therefore, the action of  $\pi$  on two-dimensional functions should be thought of as a classical one-dimensional wavelet representation on the radial component combined with rotations around the origin.

Consider now the Fourier series with respect to  $\theta$  and define the unitary operator  $S: L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  by

$$(Sf)_n(\omega) = \int_0^{2\pi} (J\mathcal{F}f)(\omega, \theta)e^{-in\theta} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \quad \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, n \in \mathbb{Z}, f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2).$$

From now on, we shall consider the equivalent representation  $\pi' = S\pi S^{-1}$  of  $G$  acting on  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ . In view of (2.1) and (2.2), the action of  $\pi'$  is given by

$$(\pi'(b, a, \phi)\hat{f})_n = e^{-in\phi} (\widehat{W}^+(b, a)\hat{f}_n) \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \hat{f} \in \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+), (b, a, \phi) \in G.$$

Denoted by  $\rho_n$  the character  $\phi \mapsto e^{-in\phi}$  of  $\mathcal{T}$ , the representation  $\pi'$  can be decomposed as

$$\pi' = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \rho_n \widehat{W}^+$$

where each component  $\rho_n \widehat{W}^+$  acts irreducibly on  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ .

It was proven in [2, 13] that  $\pi'$ , and therefore  $\pi$ , is reproducing, namely

$$(2.3) \quad \|\hat{f}\|_{\bigoplus_n L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)}^2 = \int_G |\langle \pi'(b, a, \phi)\hat{\eta}, \hat{f} \rangle|^2 db \frac{da}{a^2} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \quad \hat{f} \in \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$$

for some admissible vector  $\hat{\eta} \in \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ . A vector  $\hat{\eta} = (\hat{\eta}_n)_n \in \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  is admissible for  $\pi'$  if and only if

$$(2.4) \quad \int_0^{+\infty} |\hat{\eta}_n(\omega)|^2 \frac{d\omega}{\omega} = 1 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

namely, if and only if each component  $\hat{\eta}_n$  is a one-dimensional wavelet [14]. A simple way to construct admissible vectors in  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  satisfying (2.4) is to fix a one-dimensional wavelet  $\hat{\eta}_0 \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  satisfying (2.4) and then construct all the other components  $\hat{\eta}_n$  by dilating  $\hat{\eta}_0$ . Since (2.4) is invariant under positive dilations, it is immediately satisfied for all  $n$ . More precisely, set for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(2.5) \quad \hat{\eta}_n(\omega) = \hat{\eta}_0(\alpha_n^{-1}\omega) \quad \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+,$$

for some weights  $\alpha_n > 0$  that satisfy  $\alpha_0 = 1$  and  $\sum_n \alpha_n < \infty$ . This last condition ensures that the resulting  $\hat{\eta}$  has finite norm in  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ , because

$$\|\hat{\eta}\|^2 = \|\hat{\eta}_0\|_{L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)}^2 \sum_n \alpha_n.$$

**2.2. The discrete Schrödingerlets in 2D.** We now show how to construct a Parseval frame of  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  associated to  $\pi'$ . Then, by means of the intertwining operator  $S$ , this frame can be transformed into a Parseval frame of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  associated to  $\pi$ . Constructing a Parseval frame corresponds to a discretization of (2.3) of the form

$$\|\hat{f}\|_{\bigoplus_n L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)}^2 = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |\langle \pi'(x_i) \hat{\eta}, \hat{f} \rangle|^2 \quad \hat{f} \in \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+),$$

for suitable choices of the admissible vector  $\hat{\eta}$  and of a sampling  $\{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of the group  $G$ .

Our approach is based on the fact that  $\pi'$  is the direct sum of one-dimensional wavelet representations. Thus, it is instructive to look first at the well known one-dimensional case, namely at the representation  $\widehat{W}^+$  acting on  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ . Standard wavelet theory [22, Thm. 1.1, Chapter 7] gives that  $\{\widehat{W}^+(2^j k, 2^j) \hat{\eta}_0 : k, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a Parseval frame for  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ , namely

$$\|\hat{f}\|_{L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)}^2 = \sum_{k, j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\langle \widehat{W}^+(2^j k, 2^j) \hat{\eta}_0, \hat{f} \rangle|^2 \quad \hat{f} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+),$$

provided that the conditions

$$(2.6a) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{\eta}_0(2^j \omega)|^2 = 1, \quad \text{for a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+,$$

$$(2.6b) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \hat{\eta}_0(2^j \omega) \overline{\hat{\eta}_0(2^j(\omega + 2\pi m))} = 0, \quad \text{for a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, m \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1$$

hold true. Note that in this case the sampling of the group  $\mathbb{R} \rtimes \mathbb{R}_+$  is the discrete set  $\{(2^j k, 2^j) : k, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

We now generalize this construction to the Schrödingerlets. In view of the above sampling of the affine group, it is natural to consider the discretization of  $G$  given by

$$\{x_{k,j,l} = (2^j k, 2^j, 2\pi l/L) : k, j \in \mathbb{Z}, l = 0, \dots, L-1\},$$

for some  $L \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , where  $\mathbb{N}^* = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . Note that the angles  $\phi_l = 2\pi l/L$  give a uniform sampling of  $\mathcal{T}$  and form a finite cyclic subgroup of order  $L$ . Let us now discuss suitable assumptions on the admissible vector  $\hat{\eta}$ , and therefore on  $\hat{\eta}_0$  and the weights  $\alpha_n$  in the case where  $\hat{\eta}_n$  is given by (2.5), so that  $\{\pi'(x_{k,j,l}) \hat{\eta} : k, j \in \mathbb{Z}, l = 0, \dots, L-1\}$  is a Parseval frame for  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ .

We first observe that for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  it is necessary that each  $\hat{\eta}_n \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  give rise to a Parseval frame for the corresponding space  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ , *i.e.* that each  $\hat{\eta}_n$  satisfies (2.6) (suitably normalized):

$$(2.7a) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{\eta}_n(2^j \omega)|^2 = 1/L, \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$(2.7b) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \hat{\eta}_n(2^j \omega) \overline{\hat{\eta}_n(2^j(\omega + 2\pi m))} = 0, \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, n \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1.$$

In the continuous setting, it is necessary and sufficient to assume that each  $\hat{\eta}_n$  is a one-dimensional wavelet, *i.e.* that (2.4) holds true for every  $n$ , in order to have the

continuous reproducing formula (2.3). In the discrete case, however, assumptions (2.7) are not sufficient, and it is necessary to assume the following conditions:

(2.8a)

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\eta}_n(2^j \omega) \overline{\widehat{\eta}_{n+kL}(2^j \omega)} = 0, \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, n \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^*,$$

(2.8b)

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \widehat{\eta}_n(2^j \omega) \overline{\widehat{\eta}_{n+kL}(2^j(\omega + 2\pi m))} = 0, \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, n \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^*, m \in 2\mathbb{Z} + 1,$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}^* = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ . When (2.5) holds true, the above expressions can be simplified into conditions involving  $\widehat{\eta}_0$  and the weights  $\alpha_n$ .

These orthogonality relations do not contain all the cross terms between  $\widehat{\eta}_n$  and  $\widehat{\eta}_m$  for  $n \neq m$ , but only those corresponding to the cases when  $m - n \in L\mathbb{Z}$ . The reason for this simplification can be explained as follows. Two characters  $\rho_n$  and  $\rho_m$  restricted to the finite subgroup  $\{2\pi l/L : l = 0, \dots, L-1\}$  are equivalent if and only if  $m - n \in L\mathbb{Z}$ . As a consequence, all the cross terms corresponding to  $m$  and  $n$  for which  $m - n \notin L\mathbb{Z}$  are zero by Schur orthogonality relations for finite groups.

The following theorem shows that the above conditions are also sufficient.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\widehat{\eta} \in \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  be such that (2.7) and (2.8) hold true, and take  $L \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Then  $\{\pi'(x_{k,j,l})\widehat{\eta} : k, j \in \mathbb{Z}, l = 0, \dots, L-1\}$  is a Parseval frame for  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ , namely*

$$\|\widehat{f}\|_{\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)}^2 = \sum_{k,j,l} |\langle \pi'(x_{k,j,l})\widehat{\eta}, \widehat{f} \rangle|^2 \quad \widehat{f} \in \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+).$$

The proof will be given below since the above result is a special instance of our main result, see Theorem 3.4. We just exhibit functions  $\widehat{\eta}$  satisfying the assumptions. Take  $\widehat{\eta}_0 \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  such that (2.7a) is satisfied for  $n = 0$  and such that  $\text{supp } \widehat{\eta}_0 \subseteq [0, 2\pi]$ . Moreover, choose weights  $\alpha_n \in (0, 1]$  such that  $\alpha_0 = 1$ ,  $\sum_n \alpha_n < \infty$  and

$$(2.9) \quad |\text{supp}(\widehat{\eta}_0) \cap \alpha_n^{-1} \alpha_{n+kL} \text{supp}(\widehat{\eta}_0)| = 0 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^*,$$

where  $|\cdot|$  denotes Lebesgue measure. It is easy to see that the admissible vector  $\widehat{\eta} \in \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  defined by (2.5) satisfies (2.7) and (2.8). A simple choice valid for any  $L$  is  $\widehat{\eta}_0 = L^{-1} \chi_{[1/2, 1]}$  and

$$\alpha_n = \begin{cases} 2^{-2n} & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ 2^{2n+1} & \text{if } n < 0. \end{cases}$$

We now comment on the role of the number of rotations  $L$ . The conclusion of Theorem 2.1 still holds true when  $L = 1$ , namely when no rotations are considered. However, the rotations do play a role in the choice of the admissible vector  $\widehat{\eta}$ . Indeed, condition (2.8), or (2.9) in the case when (2.5) holds true, becomes weaker as  $L$  increases. More precisely, if  $L_2$  is a multiple of  $L_1$  and  $\widehat{\eta}$  satisfies (2.8) with  $L = L_1$ , then the same equalities hold true with  $L = L_2$ . Note that this is equivalent to saying that the two corresponding discrete subgroups of  $\mathcal{T}$  are one contained into the other.

Note that for  $L = 1$  a simple computation shows that  $\|\widehat{\eta}\| = 1$ , hence the frame obtained in Theorem 2.1 is in fact an orthonormal basis of  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ . Indeed,

it is a standard general fact that a tight frame whose elements have norm (greater than or equal to) one is necessarily an orthonormal basis (see e.g. [22, Theorem 1.8, Ch. 7]).

### 3. THE $d$ -DIMENSIONAL CASE

**3.1. The continuous setting.** We define  $G = (\mathbb{R} \rtimes \mathbb{R}_+) \times \text{SO}(d)$  as the direct product of the identity component of the one-dimensional affine group and  $\text{SO}(d)$ . Clearly, the set

$$H = \{(0, a, R) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}_+, R \in \text{SO}(d)\} \simeq \mathbb{R}_+ \times \text{SO}(d)$$

is a closed unimodular subgroup of  $G$  and its Haar measure is  $dh = a^{-1}dadR$ , and the set

$$\{(b, 1, \mathbf{I}) \mid b \in \mathbb{R}\} \simeq \mathbb{R}$$

is a normal abelian closed subgroup of  $G$ , whose Haar measure is the Lebesgue measure  $db$ . Moreover,  $G$  is the semi-direct product of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $H$  with respect to the inner action of  $H$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  given by

$$h[b] = ab \quad b \in \mathbb{R}, h = (a, R) \in H.$$

We set

$$(3.1) \quad \gamma(h) = \det(b \mapsto h[b]) = a.$$

The Schrödinger representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  acts on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  as

$$(3.2a) \quad \pi(b, a, R) = U(b)V(a, R) \quad (b, a, R) \in G.$$

Here  $V(a, R)$  is the unitary operator

$$V(a, R)f(x) = a^{-\frac{d}{4}}f(a^{-\frac{1}{2}}R^{-1}x) \quad f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d), x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

and  $b \mapsto U(b)$  is the one-parameter group of unitary operators on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  associated with the Laplacian by the spectral calculus, namely

$$(3.2b) \quad U(b) = e^{i\frac{b}{2\pi}\Delta}.$$

Thus

$$(3.2c) \quad \mathcal{F}U(b)\mathcal{F}^{-1}\hat{f}(\xi) = e^{-2\pi ib\xi \cdot \xi}\hat{f}(\xi) \quad \xi \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d.$$

Setting  $\widehat{\pi} = \mathcal{F}\pi\mathcal{F}^{-1}$  we get

$$(3.2d) \quad \widehat{\pi}(b, a, R)\hat{f}(\xi) = a^{\frac{d}{4}}e^{-2\pi ib\xi \cdot \xi}\hat{f}(a^{\frac{1}{2}}R^{-1}\xi) \quad \hat{f} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d), \xi \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d.$$

We now prove that  $\pi$  is a reproducing representation.

**Proposition 3.1.** *The Schrödinger representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  is a reproducing representation.*

*Proof.* It is enough to prove the result for  $\widehat{\pi}$ , which belongs to the family of mock-metaplectic representations introduced in [15], regarding  $G$  as semi-direct product of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $H$ . Indeed,  $H$  acts on the dual group  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  by the contra-gradient action

$$\mathcal{H}[\omega] = a^{-1}\omega \quad \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}, h = (a, R) \in H.$$

The group  $H$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as well as on the dual space  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d$  by means of

$$\begin{aligned} h.x &= a^{\frac{1}{2}}Rx \\ \mathcal{H}.\xi &= a^{-\frac{1}{2}}R\xi \end{aligned} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \xi \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d, h = (a, R) \in H.$$

We set

$$\beta(h) = \det(\xi \mapsto {}^t h \cdot \xi) = a^{-\frac{d}{2}}.$$

The map

$$(3.3) \quad \Phi : \widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{R}}, \quad \Phi(\xi) = \xi \cdot \xi$$

is easily seen to satisfy the following properties:

- i)  $\Phi$  is a smooth map whose gradient is  $\nabla\Phi(\xi) = 2\xi$ ;
- ii) the set of critical points of  $\Phi$  reduces to the origin, which is a Lebesgue negligible set, and  $\Phi(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d \setminus \{0\}) = \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+$ ;
- iii)  $\Phi({}^t h \cdot \xi) = {}^t h[\Phi(\xi)]$  for all  $\xi \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d$  and  $h \in H$ ;
- iv) the action of  $H$  on  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+$  is transitive, the stability subgroup at  $1 \in \mathbb{R}_+$  is the compact group  $\text{SO}(d)$ , and  $q : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow H$ ,  $q(\omega) = \omega^{-1}$ , is a smooth section, namely

$${}^t q(\omega)[1] = \omega \quad \omega \in \mathbb{R}_+;$$

- v)  $\Phi^{-1}(1) = \text{S}^{d-1}$ , where  $\text{S}^{d-1}$  is the unit sphere of  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d$  endowed with the Riemannian measure  $ds$ .

From (3.2d) it is clear that

$$(3.4a) \quad \widehat{\pi}(b, h)\hat{f}(\xi) = \beta(h)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-2\pi i b \Phi(\xi)} \hat{f}({}^t h^{-1} \cdot \xi),$$

where  $\xi \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d$ ,  $\hat{f} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d)$  and  $(b, R) \in \mathbb{R} \times (\mathbb{R}_+ \times \text{SO}(d))$ , which shows that  $\widehat{\pi}$  is the mock-metaplectic representation associated with the map  $\Phi$ . Theorem 9 of [15] then implies that  $\widehat{\pi}$  is a reproducing representation.  $\square$

We now study the admissible vectors of  $\pi$ . First, we need to recall some elementary facts.

Let  $\rho$  be the regular representation of  $\text{SO}(d)$  acting on  $L^2(\text{S}^{d-1})$ , namely

$$\rho(R)\varphi(s) = \varphi(R^{-1}s) \quad s \in \text{S}^{d-1}, \varphi \in L^2(\text{S}^{d-1}), R \in \text{SO}(d).$$

There holds that

$$(3.5) \quad L^2(\text{S}^{d-1}) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{H}_i,$$

where each  $\mathcal{H}_i$  is the space of spherical harmonics, namely the complex polynomials in  $d$  variables, homogeneous of degree  $i$  and harmonic. Here each polynomial is regarded as a function on  $\text{S}^{d-1}$ , so that  $\mathcal{H}_i$  can be identified as a subspace of  $L^2(\text{S}^{d-1})$ . For an account of the role of spherical harmonics in the representation theory of the orthogonal groups see [8]. It is known that

$$(3.6) \quad \dim \mathcal{H}_0 = 1, \quad \dim \mathcal{H}_1 = d, \quad \dim \mathcal{H}_i = \binom{d+i-1}{d-1} - \binom{d+i-3}{d-1}, \quad i \geq 2.$$

Moreover,

$$(3.7) \quad \rho = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \rho_i,$$

where  $\rho_i$  is the restriction of  $\rho$  to  $\mathcal{H}_i$ . We denote by  $P_i$  the projection from  $L^2(\text{S}^{d-1})$  onto  $\mathcal{H}_i$ .

If  $d > 2$ , each representation  $\rho_i$  is irreducible, and two representations  $\rho_i$  and  $\rho_j$  are inequivalent whenever  $i \neq j$  (the multiplicity of each  $\rho_i$  is one). For  $d = 2$ , every  $\mathcal{H}_i$  with  $i \geq 1$  has dimension 2 and each  $\rho_i$  is the sum of two inequivalent



irreducible one-dimensional representations, namely  $\rho_i^+(\theta) = e^{in\theta}$ ,  $\rho_i^-(\theta) = e^{-in\theta}$ ,  $\theta \in \text{SO}(2) \simeq \mathcal{T}$ . Hence, we still obtain a decomposition into inequivalent irreducible representations if we just replace the index set  $\mathbb{N}$  with  $\mathbb{Z}$ . For ease of notation, we shall proceed assuming  $d \geq 3$ . The case  $d = 2$  is described in Section 2.

Recall that the group  $\mathbb{R} \rtimes \mathbb{R}_+$  has only two inequivalent infinite dimensional irreducible representations up to unitary equivalence, which we denote by  $\widehat{W}^\pm$  (see e.g. [24]). Each of them acts on  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_\pm)$  as

$$(3.8) \quad \widehat{W}^\pm(b, a)\varphi(\omega) = a^{\frac{1}{2}}\varphi(a\omega)e^{-2\pi ib\omega} \quad \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_\pm, (b, a) \in \mathbb{R} \rtimes \mathbb{R}_+,$$

where  $\varphi \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_\pm)$ .

Now, let  $J : L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d) \rightarrow L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+ \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1})$  be the operator defined by

$$(3.9) \quad J\hat{f}(\omega, s) = \frac{\omega^{\frac{d-2}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{f}(\sqrt{\omega}s) \quad \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, s \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}, \hat{f} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d).$$

We have the following simple lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *The operator  $J$  is unitary.*

*Proof.* If  $\hat{f} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d)$ , then the changes of variable  $\omega = r^2$  and  $\xi = rs$  yield

$$(3.10) \quad \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+ \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \omega^{\frac{d-2}{2}} |\hat{f}(\sqrt{\omega}s)|^2 \frac{d\omega ds}{2} = \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+ \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} r^{d-1} |\hat{f}(rs)|^2 dr ds = \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

The inverse of  $J$  is given by

$$(J^{-1}g)(\xi) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(\xi \cdot \xi)^{d-2}} g(\xi \cdot \xi, \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{\xi \cdot \xi}}) \quad \xi \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d, \xi \neq 0, g \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+ \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}),$$

which proves that  $J$  is unitary.  $\square$

In what follows, we will freely identify

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d) &\simeq L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+ \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}) \\ &\simeq L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{S}^{d-1}) \\ &\simeq \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+) \otimes \mathcal{H}_i \\ &\simeq \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{H}_i). \end{aligned}$$

We define the unitary operator  $S : L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{H}_i)$  by

$$(3.12) \quad (Sf)_i = (\text{Id} \otimes P_i)(J\mathcal{F}f) \quad f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

**Proposition 3.3.** *With the above notation,*

$$(3.13) \quad S\pi S^{-1} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \widehat{W}^+ \otimes \rho_i$$

where each component  $\widehat{W}^+ \otimes \rho_i$  is irreducible and inequivalent to the others. A vector  $\hat{\eta} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is admissible for  $\pi$  if and only if

$$(3.14) \quad \int_0^{+\infty} \|(S\hat{\eta})_i(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{H}_i}^2 \frac{d\omega}{\omega} = d_i \quad i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

*Proof.* The proof is based on the general theory developed in [15]. We sketch the main steps. For any  $\omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+$  we denote by  $\nu_\omega$  the measure on  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d$  which is the image measure of  $\omega^{\frac{d-2}{2}} ds/2$  under the map

$$\mathbb{S}^{d-1} \ni s \mapsto \sqrt{\omega} s \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d,$$

so that, for all compactly supported continuous functions  $\varphi$ , we have

$$\int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d} \varphi(\xi) d\nu_\omega(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \varphi(\sqrt{\omega} s) \frac{\omega^{\frac{d-2}{2}}}{2} ds.$$

The change of variable in spherical coordinates (as in (3.10)) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d} \varphi(\xi) d\xi &= \int_0^{+\infty} \left( \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \varphi(rs) r^{d-1} ds \right) dr \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \left( \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \varphi(\sqrt{\omega} s) \frac{\omega^{\frac{d-2}{2}}}{2} ds \right) d\omega \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \left( \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d} \varphi(\xi) d\nu_\omega(\xi) \right) d\omega, \end{aligned}$$

where  $r^2 = \omega$ , so that the disintegration formula

$$(3.15) \quad d\xi = \int_0^{+\infty} \nu_\omega d\omega$$

holds true. Finally, Weil's formula for quasi-invariant measure on quotient spaces [19] reads

$$(3.16) \quad \int_H \varphi(a, R) \gamma(a)^{-1} \frac{da}{a} dR = C \int_0^{+\infty} \left( \int_{\text{SO}(d)} \varphi(q(\omega)R) dR \right) d\omega,$$

for some constant  $C$ , to be computed. Recalling (3.1) and  $q(\omega) = \omega^{-1}$ , we obtain  $C = 1$  since

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \left( \int_{\text{SO}(d)} \varphi(\omega^{-1}R) dR \right) d\omega = \int_0^{+\infty} \left( \int_{\text{SO}(d)} \varphi(\omega, R) dR \right) \frac{d\omega}{\omega^2}.$$

Observe that

- i)  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, 2\nu_1) \simeq L^2(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ ;
- ii) the “restriction” of the mock-metaplectic representation  $\widehat{\pi}$  to the fiber  $\Phi^{-1}(1)$  and to the stability subgroup  $\text{SO}(d)$  is precisely  $\rho$ . Hence, (3.7) provides the decomposition of  $\rho$  into its irreducibles, all of them with multiplicity 1;
- iii) up to the normalization factor  $1/\sqrt{2}$ , the operator  $S\mathcal{F}^{-1}$  coincides with the operator introduced in [15], whose main feature is that it decomposes  $\widehat{\pi}$  into its irreducibles, each of which is the canonical representation obtained by inducing the irreducible representation of  $\mathbb{R} \times \text{SO}(d)$  acting on  $\mathcal{H}_i$  as

$$(b, R) \mapsto e^{-2\pi i b} \rho_i(R)$$

from  $\mathbb{R} \times \text{SO}(d)$  to  $G$ .

Theorem 9 of [15] shows that  $\widehat{\eta} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d)$  is admissible if and only if, for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \|(S\widehat{\eta})_i(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{H}_i}^2 \gamma(q(\omega)) d\omega = \frac{\dim \mathcal{H}_i}{C} = d_i.$$

Explicitly, this amounts to

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \|(S\hat{\eta})_i(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{H}_i}^2 \frac{d\omega}{\omega} = d_i. \quad \square$$

We remark that a second proof can be derived using Proposition 2.23 of [19], and it consists of three steps:

- i) a direct computation to show (3.13);
- ii) the observation that each component  $\widehat{W}^+ \otimes \rho_i$  is a square-integrable representation, whose formal degree operator  $C_i$  is the unbounded multiplication operator

$$C_i \varphi(\omega) = d_i \omega \varphi(\omega),$$

where  $\varphi \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{H}_i)$  and  $\int_0^\infty \omega^2 |\varphi(\omega)|^2 d\omega < +\infty$ ;

- iii) a final application of Proposition 2.23 of [19], taking into account that  $\widehat{W}^+ \otimes \rho_i$  and  $\widehat{W}^+ \otimes \rho_j$  are inequivalent representations of  $G$  if  $i \neq j$ .

**3.2. A family of admissible vectors.** We now give an alternative description of the admissible vectors, which provides a direct strategy to construct them.

Let  $\hat{\eta} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be an admissible vector. For any fixed  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we choose an orthonormal basis  $\{e_k^i\}_{k=1}^{d_i}$  of  $\mathcal{H}_i$ , and define  $\varphi_{i,k} : \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\varphi_{i,k}(\omega) = \langle (S\hat{\eta})_i(\omega), e_k^i \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_i}.$$

By construction,  $\varphi_{i,k} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  and

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{|\varphi_{i,k}(\omega)|^2}{\omega} d\omega < +\infty.$$

If  $\varphi_{i,k} \neq 0$ , up to a normalization we can always assume that

$$(3.17a) \quad \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{|\varphi_{i,k}(\omega)|^2}{\omega} d\omega = 1,$$

*i.e.*  $\varphi_{i,k}$  is a 1D-wavelet for  $\widehat{W}^+$ . Hence

$$(3.17b) \quad (S\hat{\eta})_i = \sum_{k=1}^{d_i} \varphi_{i,k} \otimes v_{i,k},$$

where  $\{v_{i,k}\}_{k=1}^{d_i}$  is an orthogonal family in  $\mathcal{H}_i$  such that

$$(3.17c) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{d_i} \|v_{i,k}\|_{\mathcal{H}_i}^2 = d_i,$$

and all  $\varphi_{i,k}$  satisfy (3.17a) (if for some  $k$  the function  $\langle (S\hat{\eta})_i(\cdot), e_k^i \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_i}$  is zero, we set  $v_{i,k} = 0$  and choose an arbitrary  $\varphi_{i,k}$  satisfying (3.17a)).

The fact that  $\hat{\eta} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  implies

$$(3.17d) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{d_i} \|\varphi_{i,k}\|_2^2 \|v_{i,k}\|_{\mathcal{H}_i}^2 < +\infty.$$

Conversely, given a family  $(\varphi_{i,k}, v_{i,k})_{i \in \mathbb{N}, k=1, \dots, d_i}$  such that

- a) each  $\varphi_{i,k}$  is in  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  and satisfies (3.17a),
- b) each family  $\{v_{i,k}\}_{k=1}^{d_i}$  is orthogonal in  $\mathcal{H}_i$  and satisfies (3.17c) and (3.17d),

then  $(\varphi_{i,k}, v_{i,k})_{i \in \mathbb{N}, k=1, \dots, d_i}$  defines an admissible vector via (3.17b). A simple solution is given as follows. Choose a 1D wavelet  $\varphi \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ . For all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , fix  $\alpha_i > 0$  and  $v_i \in \mathcal{H}_i$  with

$$\|v_i\|_{\mathcal{H}_i}^2 = d_i$$

and

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \alpha_i d_i < +\infty.$$

Define

$$\varphi_i(\omega) = \varphi(\alpha_i^{-1}\omega).$$

Then, the vector  $\widehat{\eta} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  such that

$$(S\widehat{\eta})_i = \varphi_i \otimes v_i$$

is admissible.

**3.3. Discretization.** The aim of this section is to construct a Parseval frame for  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  based on a discretization of the reproducing representation  $\pi$ .

We fix a finite subgroup of  $\text{SO}(d)$  of cardinality  $L$

$$F = \{R_1, \dots, R_L\},$$

and we choose as grid points those in the family

$$x_{j,k,\ell} = (2^j k, 2^j, R_\ell) \quad j, k \in \mathbb{Z}, \ell = 1, \dots, L.$$

We denote by  $\widehat{F}$  the set of equivalence classes of irreducible (unitary) representations of  $F$ , and for each equivalence class in  $\widehat{F}$  we fix a representative  $\chi : F \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}_\chi)$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_\chi$  is the Hilbert space on which  $\chi$  acts and  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H}_\chi)$  is the corresponding set of unitary operators. The dimension of  $\mathcal{H}_\chi$ , which is always finite, is denoted by  $d_\chi$ .

For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , the representation  $\rho_i$  restricted to  $F$  decomposes into its irreducibles

$$(3.18) \quad \mathcal{H}_i = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \widehat{F}} \mathcal{H}_\chi \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_{i,\chi}} \quad \rho_i = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \widehat{F}} \chi \otimes \text{I}_{m_{i,\chi}},$$

where  $m_{i,\chi} \in \mathbb{N}$  is the multiplicity of  $\chi$  into  $\rho_i$  (with the convention that  $\mathbb{C}^0 = \{0\}$  if  $m_{i,\chi} = 0$ , namely when the representation  $\chi$  does not enter into the decomposition).

We remark that in the two-dimensional case the picture is clearer (see Section 2 and the remarks that follow (3.7)). Taking  $F = \{2\pi l/L : l = 0, \dots, L-1\}$ , the set  $\widehat{F}$  is given by  $L$  one-dimensional representations corresponding to the  $L$ -roots of unity, namely  $\widehat{F} = \{\chi_l = e^{2\pi i l/L} : l = 0, \dots, L-1\}$ . Writing  $\mathcal{H}_k = \text{span}\{e^{ik\cdot}\}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  (as already observed, the natural index set in 2D is  $\mathbb{Z}$ ), a simple calculation shows that  $\rho_k$  corresponds to  $\chi_{\bar{k}}$ , where  $\bar{k} = k \pmod{L}$ . Therefore, in the above decomposition one has

$$m_{k,\chi_l} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k - l \in L\mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

or, equivalently,  $\mathcal{H}_k = \mathcal{H}_{\chi_{\bar{k}}}$ .

From (3.5) and (3.18) we finally obtain the decomposition of  $\rho$  into its irreducibles

$$(3.19) \quad L^2(\mathbb{S}^{d-1}) = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \widehat{F}} \mathcal{H}_\chi \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_\chi} \quad \rho = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \widehat{F}} \chi \otimes \text{I}_{m_\chi},$$

where  $m_\chi = \sum_{i \in I} m_{i,\chi}$ , the operator  $I_{m_\chi}$  is the identity on  $\mathbb{C}^{m_\chi}$  and  $\mathbb{C}^\infty = \ell_2(\mathbb{N})$  if  $\sum_{i \in I} m_{i,\chi} = \infty$ . By (3.11) and (3.19), the following identifications hold true:

$$(3.20) \quad L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}, \chi \in \widehat{F}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{H}_\chi) \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_{i,\chi}} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}, \chi \in \widehat{F}} \bigoplus_{\mu=1}^{m_{i,\chi}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{H}_\chi \otimes \mathbb{C}\{\epsilon_\mu\}),$$

where  $(\epsilon_\mu)_{\mu \in \mathbb{N}}$  is the canonical basis of  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  and each  $\mathbb{C}^{m_{i,\chi}}$  is regarded as a closed subspace of  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . According to this decomposition, we denote by  $P_{i,\chi,\mu}$  the orthogonal projection from  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d)$  onto the closed subspace  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{H}_\chi \otimes \mathbb{C}\{\epsilon_\mu\})$  of  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{H}_i)$ .

Next, for each  $\chi$ , we select an orthogonal family  $w_1^\chi, \dots, w_{d_\chi}^\chi$  in  $\mathcal{H}_\chi$  such that

$$(3.21) \quad \|w_\delta^\chi\|^2 = d_\chi \quad \delta = 1, \dots, d_\chi.$$

For each  $i \in I$ , we choose  $m_{i,\chi}$ -vectors in this family and we denote by  $\Delta_{i,\chi} = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{m_{i,\chi}})$  the corresponding family of indices, some of which might be repeated. We set

$$(3.22) \quad v_{i,\chi,\mu} = w_{\delta_\mu}^\chi \otimes \epsilon_\mu \quad \mu = 1, \dots, m_{i,\chi},$$

where each  $v_{i,\chi,\mu}$  is a vector in  $\mathcal{H}_i$  by means of (3.18).

Finally, we select  $m_{i,\chi}$ -functions  $\varphi_{i,\chi,1}, \dots, \varphi_{i,\chi,m_{i,\chi}} \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  such that the following conditions hold true:

a) the series

$$(3.23) \quad \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{\chi \in \widehat{F}} d_\chi \left( \sum_{\mu=1}^{m_{i,\chi}} \|\varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}\|_2^2 \right) < +\infty;$$

b) for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\chi \in \widehat{F}$  and  $\mu = 1, \dots, m_{i,\chi}$

$$(3.24a) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}(2^j \omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{L} \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+,$$

and for all odd integers  $m$

$$(3.24b) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}(2^j \omega) \overline{\varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}(2^j(\omega + 2\pi m))} = 0 \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+;$$

c) for all  $\chi \in \widehat{F}$ , if there exists  $i, i' \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mu = 1, \dots, m_{i,\chi}$ ,  $\mu' = 1, \dots, m_{i',\chi}$  such that  $(i, \mu) \neq (i', \mu')$ , but  $w_{\delta_\mu}^\chi = w_{\delta_{\mu'}}^\chi$  (where  $\delta_\mu \in \Delta_{i,\chi}$  and  $\delta_{\mu'} \in \Delta_{i',\chi}$ ), then

$$(3.25a) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}(2^j \omega) \overline{\varphi_{i',\chi,\mu'}(2^j \omega)} = 0 \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+,$$

and for all odd integers  $m$

$$(3.25b) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}(2^j \omega) \overline{\varphi_{i',\chi,\mu'}(2^j(\omega + 2\pi m))} = 0 \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+.$$

Let us comment on the relation between these assumptions and the corresponding ones given in the two-dimensional case. Assumption (3.23) is simply a restatement of the fact that  $\widehat{\eta}$  should have finite norm. Assumptions (3.24) and (3.25) correspond to assumptions (2.7) and (2.8), respectively. As we have already anticipated when

discussing the 2D case, the condition  $(i, \mu) \neq (i', \mu')$  corresponds to  $m \neq n$  and  $w_{\delta_\mu}^x = w_{\delta_{\mu'}}^x$  corresponds to  $m - n \in L\mathbb{Z}$ .

We are now ready to state the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\widehat{\eta} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be defined by*

$$(3.26) \quad (S\widehat{\eta})_i = \sum_{\chi \in \widehat{F}} \sum_{\mu=1}^{m_{i,\chi}} \varphi_{i,\chi,\mu} \otimes v_{i,\chi,\mu}.$$

*Then the family  $\{\pi(2^j k, 2^j, R_\ell)\widehat{\eta}\}_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}, l=1, \dots, L}$  is a Parseval frame for  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .*

The proof is in Section 3.4. We add a few comments. Since  $\sum_{\chi \in \widehat{F}} m_{i,\chi} d_\chi = d_i$ , we have

$$\sum_{\chi \in \widehat{F}} \sum_{\mu=1}^{m_{i,\chi}} \|v_{i,\chi,\mu}\|_{\mathcal{H}_i}^2 = d_i,$$

hence (3.23) ensures that (3.26) is well defined (compare with (3.17b)).

An important result in wavelet theory [22, Theorem 1.6, Chapter 7] shows that (3.24a) and (3.24b) are equivalent to the fact that for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\chi \in \widehat{F}$  and  $\mu = 1, \dots, m_{i,\chi}$  the family  $\{\widehat{W}^+(2^j k, 2^j) \sqrt{L} \varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}\}_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a Parseval frame for  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ . Furthermore, (3.24a) implies that

$$(3.27) \quad \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+} \frac{|\varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}(\omega)|^2}{\omega} d\omega = \frac{\ln 2}{L},$$

so that  $\sqrt{L/\ln 2} \widehat{\eta}$  is an admissible vector for  $\pi$  by Proposition 3.3.

We now show that there exist families of  $\{\varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}\}$ , satisfying the above conditions. To this end, fix a function  $\varphi \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  supported in  $[0, 1]$  and such that

$$(3.28) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varphi(2^j \omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{L} \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+.$$

Choose a sequence  $\{\alpha_{i,\chi,\mu}\}$  such that  $0 < \alpha_{i,\chi,\mu} < 1$  and

$$(3.29) \quad \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{\chi \in \widehat{F}} d_\chi \sum_{\mu=1}^{m_{i,\chi}} \alpha_{i,\chi,\mu} < +\infty.$$

Suppose further that, for any  $\chi \in \widehat{F}$ , if there exists  $i, i' \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mu = 1, \dots, m_{i,\chi}$ ,  $\mu' = 1, \dots, m_{i',\chi}$  such that  $(i, \mu) \neq (i', \mu')$  but  $w_{\delta_\mu}^x = w_{\delta_{\mu'}}^x$  (where  $\delta_\mu \in \Delta_{i,\chi}$  and  $\delta_{\mu'} \in \Delta_{i',\chi}$ ), then

$$(3.30) \quad |(\text{supp}(\varphi) \cap \alpha_{i,\chi,\mu}^{-1} \alpha_{i',\chi,\mu'} \text{supp}(\varphi))| = 0.$$

An explicit example is

$$\varphi = \chi_{(1/2, 1]},$$

$$\alpha_{i,\chi,\mu} = \frac{1}{2^{n_{i,\chi,\mu}}},$$

where  $(i, \chi, \mu) \mapsto n_{i,\chi,\mu}$  is any bijection from the index set

$$\mathcal{N} = \{(i, \chi, \mu) \mid i \in \mathbb{N}, \chi \in \widehat{F}, m_{i,\chi} > 0, \mu = 1, \dots, m_{i,\chi}\}$$

onto  $\mathbb{N}$ .

With the above choices, define

$$\varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}(\omega) = \varphi(\alpha_{i,\chi,\mu}^{-1}\omega) \quad \omega \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+.$$

Now, the sum in (3.24b) contains products of the form

$$\varphi\left(\frac{2^j\omega}{\alpha_{i,\chi,\mu}}\right)\varphi\left(\frac{2^j\omega}{\alpha_{i,\chi,\mu}} + \frac{2^j2\pi m}{\alpha_{i,\chi,\mu}}\right).$$

Since  $|2^j2\pi m/\alpha_{i,\chi,\mu}| > |2^j2\pi m| > 1$  for every odd integer  $m$  and every non-negative integer  $j$ , one of the two factors must always vanish, so that (3.24b) holds true. Similarly, (3.30) implies (3.25a) and (3.25b).

**3.4. Proof of Theorem 3.4.** We first prove a technical lemma, which is a variant of a well known result (see Lemma 1.10 of [22]).

We recall that a family  $(\psi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  in a separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is a Parseval frame if one of the following two equivalent conditions is satisfied:

a) for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \langle f, \psi_i \rangle \psi_i = f;$$

b) for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |\langle \psi_i, f \rangle|^2 = \|f\|^2,$$

see Theorem 1.7 Chapter 7 of [22]. Both series convergence unconditionally. For a thorough discussion on frames see e.g. [7, 21].

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $(\psi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a family of vectors in  $\mathcal{H}$ . If there exists a total subset  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  such that*

- a) *for all  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  the sequence  $(\langle f, \psi_i \rangle)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is in  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ ;*
- b) *for all  $f, g \in \mathcal{S}$*

$$(3.31) \quad \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \langle f, \psi_i \rangle \langle \psi_i, g \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle,$$

*then the family  $(\psi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Parseval frame.*

*Proof.* Define

$$\mathcal{D} = \{f \in \mathcal{H} \mid \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |\langle f, \psi_i \rangle|^2 < +\infty\}$$

and  $V : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$

$$Vf = (\langle f, \psi_i \rangle)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

By construction,  $\mathcal{D}$  is a linear subspace containing  $\mathcal{S}$ , so that  $\mathcal{D}$  is dense and  $V$  is a linear operator. It is known that  $V$  is a closed operator, see Proposition 2.8 of [19]. By (3.31), the restriction of  $V$  to  $\mathcal{S}$  preserves the scalar product. By linearity, the same property holds on the linear subspace spanned by  $\mathcal{S}$ , which is contained in  $\mathcal{D}$  and dense in  $\mathcal{H}$  since  $\mathcal{S}$  is total in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then  $V$  extends to a unique isometry  $W$  from  $\mathcal{H}$  into  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Since  $V$  is closed, then  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{H}$  and  $V = W$ . By definition of  $V$ , the family  $(\psi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Parseval frame.  $\square$

The following lemma is a variant of a result given in [19] in the context of admissible representations, see Proposition 2.23.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Take two countable families  $(\mathcal{H}_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(\mathcal{H}'_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  of separable Hilbert spaces, set  $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{H}_j \otimes \mathcal{H}'_j$  and, for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , denote the canonical projection by  $P_j : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_j \otimes \mathcal{H}'_j$ . A family  $(\psi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Parseval frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  if and only if the following two conditions hold true:*

a) *for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $f \in \mathcal{H}_j$ ,  $f' \in \mathcal{H}'_j$*

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |\langle f \otimes f', P_j \psi_i \rangle|^2 = \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_j}^2 \|f'\|_{\mathcal{H}'_j}^2;$$

b) *for all  $j, k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $j \neq k$  and for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}_j$ ,  $f' \in \mathcal{H}'_j$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{H}_k$ ,  $g' \in \mathcal{H}'_k$*

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \langle f \otimes f', P_j \psi_i \rangle \langle P_k \psi_i, g \otimes g' \rangle = 0.$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $(\psi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Parseval frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  and fix  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Given  $f \in \mathcal{H}_j$  and  $f' \in \mathcal{H}'_j$ , we have

$$P_j^*(f \otimes f'_j) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \langle P_j^*(f \otimes f'_j), \psi_i \rangle \psi_i.$$

For all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P_k$  is a bounded linear operator, and  $P_k P_j^* = \delta_{jk} P_j P_j^* = \delta_{jk} \text{Id}_{\mathcal{H}_j \otimes \mathcal{H}'_j}$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \langle f \otimes f'_j, P_j \psi_i \rangle P_j \psi_i = f \otimes f'_j & k = j \\ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \langle f \otimes f'_j, P_j \psi_i \rangle P_k \psi_i = 0 & k \neq j, \end{cases}$$

whence a) and b) easily follow.

Conversely, set

$$\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \{P_j^*(f \otimes f'_j) \mid f \in \mathcal{H}_j, f' \in \mathcal{H}'_j\},$$

which is total in  $\mathcal{H}$  by construction. Conditions a) and b) imply that (3.31) of Lemma 3.5 is satisfied, hence,  $(\psi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Parseval frame.  $\square$

The following result is a restatement of the well known characterization of wavelet Parseval frames. For the sake of clarity, we set  $\lambda = (j, k) \in \Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $x_\lambda = (2^j k, 2^j) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** *If the family  $\{\varphi_{i, \chi, \mu}\}$  in  $L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  satisfies (3.24a), (3.24b), (3.25a) and (3.25b), then*

a) *for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\chi \in \widehat{F}$  and  $\mu = 1, \dots, m_{i, \chi}$*

$$(3.32) \quad \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} |\langle \varphi, \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i, \chi, \mu} \rangle_2|^2 = \frac{1}{L} \|\varphi\|_2^2$$

*for all  $\varphi \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ ;*

b) *for all  $\chi \in \widehat{F}$ , if there exists  $i, i' \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mu = 1, \dots, m_{i, \chi}$ ,  $\mu' = 1, \dots, m_{i', \chi}$  such that  $(i, \mu) \neq (i', \mu')$  but  $w_{\delta_\mu}^\chi = w_{\delta_{\mu'}}^\chi$  (where  $\delta_\mu \in \Delta_{i, \chi}$  and  $\delta_{\mu'} \in \Delta_{i', \chi}$ ), then*

$$(3.33) \quad \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle \varphi, \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i, \chi, \mu} \rangle_2 \langle \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i', \chi, \mu'}, \varphi' \rangle_2 = 0$$

*for all  $\varphi, \varphi' \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ .*



*Proof.* The fact that (3.32) is equivalent to (3.24a) and (3.24b) is one of the fundamental results at the root of wavelet frames, see Theorem 1.6 of [22]. The fact that (3.25a) and (3.25b) imply (3.33) follows by Lemma 1.18 of [22], which, by polarization, can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\pi \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle \varphi, \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i,\chi,\mu} \rangle_2 \langle \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i',\chi,\mu'}, \varphi' \rangle_2 \\ &= \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}} \varphi(\omega) \overline{\varphi'(\omega)} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi_{i',\chi,\mu'}(2^j \omega) \overline{\varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}(2^j \omega)} d\omega \\ &+ \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}}} \overline{\varphi'(\omega)} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{m \in 2\mathbb{Z}+1} \varphi_{i',\chi,\mu'}(\omega + 2^j 2\pi m) h_m(2^j \omega) d\omega, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$h_m(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \varphi_{i',\chi,\mu'}(2^n \omega) \overline{\varphi_{i,\chi,\mu}(2^n(\omega + 2\pi m))}.$$

Indeed, (3.25a) implies that the first summand vanishes, whereas (3.25b) implies that  $h_m$  vanish for all odd integers, hence the second summand is zero.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.4.* By means of the unitary operator  $S$ , we can prove the result for the family of vectors

$$S\pi(x_{\lambda,\ell})\widehat{\eta} \quad \lambda \in \Lambda, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, L$$

in the space  $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{H}_i)$ , which by (3.11) and (3.20) can be identified with

$$L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}^d) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}, \chi \in \widehat{F}} \bigoplus_{\mu=1}^{m_{i,\chi}} L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+, \mathcal{H}_\chi \otimes \mathbb{C}\{\epsilon_\mu\}).$$

We mean to apply Lemma 3.6. So, let us fix  $i, i' \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\chi, \chi' \in \widehat{F}$  and  $\mu \in \{1, \dots, m_{i,\chi}\}$ ,  $\mu' \in \{1, \dots, m_{i',\chi'}\}$ . Given  $\varphi, \varphi' \in L^2(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_+)$  and  $w \in \mathcal{H}_\chi$ ,  $w' \in \mathcal{H}_{\chi'}$ , we look at the quantity

$$\begin{aligned} & A(i, \chi, \mu, i', \chi', \mu') \\ &= \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \langle \varphi \otimes w \otimes \epsilon_\mu, P_{i,\chi,\mu} S\pi(x_{\lambda,\ell}) \widehat{\eta} \rangle_2 \langle P_{i',\chi',\mu'} S\pi(x_{\lambda,\ell}) \widehat{\eta}, \varphi' \otimes w' \otimes \epsilon_{\mu'} \rangle_2. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that, since  $x_{\lambda,\ell} = (x_\lambda, R_\ell)$ ,

$$P_{i,\chi,\mu} S\pi(x_{\lambda,\ell}) \widehat{\eta} = \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i,\chi,\mu} \otimes \chi(R_\ell) w_{\delta_\mu}^\chi \otimes \epsilon_\mu,$$

hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(i, \chi, \mu, i', \chi', \mu') &= \left( \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle \varphi, \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i,\chi,\mu} \rangle_2 \langle \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i',\chi',\mu'}, \varphi' \rangle_2 \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^L \langle w, \chi(R_\ell) w_{\delta_\mu}^\chi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\chi} \langle \chi'(R_\ell) w_{\delta_{\mu'}}^{\chi'}, w' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{\chi'}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the series are absolutely summable because of (3.32) and the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

From the Schur orthogonality relations applied to the pair of irreducible representations  $\chi, \chi'$  of  $F$ , we know that

$$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \langle w, \chi(R_\ell) w_{\delta_\mu}^\chi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\chi} \langle \chi'(R_\ell) w_{\delta_{\mu'}}^{\chi'}, w' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{\chi'}} = \begin{cases} 0 & \chi \neq \chi' \\ \frac{1}{d_\chi} \langle w_{\delta_{\mu'}}^\chi, w_{\delta_\mu}^\chi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\chi} \langle w, w' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\chi} & \chi = \chi'. \end{cases}$$

Thus, if  $\chi \neq \chi'$ , we get  $A(i, \chi, \mu, i', \chi', \mu') = 0$ . From now on assume  $\chi = \chi'$ , for which

$$\begin{aligned} A(i, \chi, \mu, i', \chi, \mu') &= L \left( \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle \varphi, \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i, \chi, \mu} \rangle_2 \langle \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i', \chi, \mu'}, \varphi' \rangle_2 \right) \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{d_\chi} \langle w_{\delta_{\mu'}}^\chi, w_{\delta_\mu}^\chi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\chi} \langle w, w' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\chi}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $(i, \mu) \neq (i', \mu')$  and  $\delta_\mu \neq \delta_{\mu'}$ , then  $A(i, \chi, \mu, i', \chi, \mu') = 0$  since the family  $w_1^\chi, \dots, w_{d_\chi}^\chi$  is orthonormal. If  $(i, \mu) \neq (i', \mu')$  but  $\delta_\mu = \delta_{\mu'}$ , then by (3.33) it follows that  $A(i, \chi, \mu, i', \chi, \mu') = 0$ . Finally, if  $(i, \mu) = (i', \mu')$ , then (3.21) yields

$$\begin{aligned} A(i, \chi, \mu, i, \chi, \mu) &= L \left( \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle \varphi, \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i, \chi, \mu} \rangle_2 \langle \widehat{W}^+(x_\lambda) \varphi_{i, \chi, \mu}, \varphi' \rangle_2 \right) \langle w, w' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\chi} \\ &= \langle \varphi, \varphi' \rangle_2 \langle w, w' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\chi} \\ &= \langle \varphi \otimes w \otimes \epsilon_\mu, \varphi' \otimes w' \otimes \epsilon_\mu \rangle_2, \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality is a consequence of (3.32).

Summarizing the above results in a single equation, we obtain

$$A(i, \chi, \mu, i', \chi', \mu') = \begin{cases} \langle \varphi \otimes w \otimes \epsilon_\mu, \varphi' \otimes w' \otimes \epsilon_\mu \rangle_2 & \text{if } \chi = \chi' \text{ and } (i, \mu) = (i', \mu'), \\ 0 & \text{if } \chi \neq \chi' \text{ or } (i, \mu) \neq (i', \mu'). \end{cases}$$

The conclusion follows from Lemma 3.6.  $\square$

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