

# Oblique Dual Frame Completion

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**Abstract**—We study the oblique dual frame completion problem, where the oblique dual frame contains certain prescribed vectors. We establish conditions for the existence of such oblique dual frames and provide explicit constructions using several approaches, including a product matrix approach and a singular value decomposition approach.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Frames are a generalization of orthonormal bases that provide redundancy in signal representation, making them well suited for signal processing and data transmission [2], [3]. Unlike bases, frames allow for multiple reconstruction formulas, ensuring stability even in the presence of missing or corrupted coefficients. Exact reconstruction of signals is possible via dual frames. In some applications, the dual frame elements lie in a subspace different from the original frame elements, leading to the concept of oblique dual frames [4], [5], [7].

Motivated by the problem of signal recovery when frame coefficient erasures are present (e.g. [6], [8]), the authors of [1] studied the dual frame completion problem: When given a frame  $F$  for a finite-dimensional Hilbert space, and a set  $H$  of vectors which is assumed to be a subset of a dual frame of  $F$ , they presented conditions under which a dual frame  $G$  for  $F$  contains the vectors from  $H$ .

In this paper, we study the *oblique dual frame completion problem*: Given a frame  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_k\}$  of a subspace  $W$  of a finite-dimensional Hilbert space and a set  $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_s\}$ ,  $s \leq k$  of vectors in another subspace  $V$  of the Hilbert space, we explore the possibility of finding an oblique dual frame  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_k\}$  in  $V$  of the fixed frame  $F$  such that  $g_1 = h_1, g_2 = h_2, \dots, g_s = h_s$ . When such an oblique dual frame  $G$  exists, we say that the oblique dual frame completion is possible. We note that the results from [1] can be interpreted as special cases of the results in this paper, with  $W$  and  $V$  both equal to the given Hilbert space.

In Section II, we review some known results on frames and oblique dual frames. In Section III, we explore methods for addressing the oblique dual frame completion problem, including techniques based on product matrices and singular value

decomposition. Finally, Section IV presents the conclusion and a future direction.

## II. PRELIMINARIES AND KNOWN RESULTS

By  $\mathbb{F}^n$  we denote a finite-dimensional Hilbert space ( $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ). If  $F \subseteq \mathbb{F}^n$ , then  $|F|$  denotes the cardinality of  $F$ . A set of vectors  $F = \{f_i\}_{i=1}^k$  in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ,  $k \geq n$ , is called a *frame* for  $\mathbb{F}^n$  if it spans the space. Equivalently, there exist constants  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta < +\infty$  such that for every  $f \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , the following inequalities hold:

$$\alpha \|f\|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^k |\langle f, f_i \rangle|^2 \leq \beta \|f\|^2. \quad (1)$$

Here,  $\alpha$  is called a lower frame bound for  $F$ , and  $\beta$  is called an upper frame bound for  $F$ . For simplicity, we label the matrix  $F = [f_1 \dots f_k]$ , the set  $F = \{f_i\}_{i=1}^k$ , and the synthesis operator of the frame with the same label,  $F$ . We will say that a matrix is a frame for a subspace if its columns span the said subspace.

Given a frame  $F = \{f_i\}_{i=1}^k$  for  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , a *dual frame* for  $F$  is a frame  $G = \{g_i\}_{i=1}^k$  such that for every  $f \in \mathbb{F}^n$ ,

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle f, g_i \rangle f_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle f, f_i \rangle g_i = FG^* f = GF^* f. \quad (2)$$

Note that the dual frames  $F$  and  $G$  are frames for the same space. In applications [5], it is sometimes beneficial to consider a type of duality where the paired frames are frames for different subspaces. For this, we discuss oblique duality, which makes use of the oblique projection.

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  satisfying

$$\mathbb{F}^n = V \oplus W^\perp. \quad (3)$$

Note that it follows from (3) that  $\dim V = \dim W$ . Given a vector  $f \in \mathbb{F}^n = V \oplus W^\perp$ , we can write  $f$  uniquely as the sum of a vector in  $V$  and a vector in  $W^\perp$ :  $f = f_V + f_{W^\perp}$ . Then the *oblique projection onto  $V$  along  $W^\perp$*  is the unique linear operator  $\pi_{V, W^\perp}$  defined as  $\pi_{V, W^\perp} f = f_V$ . Equivalently,  $\pi_{V, W^\perp}$  maps all elements in  $V$  to itself, while it maps all elements in  $W^\perp$  to 0. If  $W = V$ , then  $\pi_{W, W^\perp} =: \pi_W$ , the orthogonal projection onto  $W$ .

*Lemma 1:* Let  $V$  and  $W$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  satisfying (3). Then the following properties hold:

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- 1)  $\pi_{V,W^\perp}^* = \pi_{W,V^\perp}$ .
- 2)  $\pi_{V,W^\perp} + \pi_{W^\perp,V} = I_n$ .
- 3)  $\pi_{V,W^\perp}\pi_W = \pi_{V,W^\perp}$ .
- 4)  $\pi_W\pi_{V,W^\perp} = \pi_W$ .

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be as above. Let  $F$  be a frame for  $W$ , and let  $G$  be a frame for  $V$ , with  $|F| = |G|$ . We say that  $G$  is an *oblique dual frame of  $F$  on  $V$*  if

$$GF^* = \pi_{V,W^\perp}. \quad (4)$$

Since (3) is equivalent to  $W \oplus V^\perp = \mathbb{F}^n$  [4, Lemma 2.1], we can also say that  $F$  is an *oblique dual frame of  $G$  on  $W$* .

A frame for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  can have infinitely many oblique dual frames (on appropriately selected subspaces  $V$ ):

$$\text{Example 1: Let } [h_1 \ h_2 \ f_1 \ f_2 \ f_3] = \begin{bmatrix} x & a & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ y & b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ z & c & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $F = [f_1, f_2]$ ,  $G = [h_1, h_2]$ . We want:  $\mathbb{R}^3 = V \oplus W^\perp$ , where  $V = \text{span } G$ , and  $W = \text{span } F$ ; also,  $W^\perp = \text{span}\{f_3\}$ . We want  $F$  and  $G$  to form an oblique dual frame pair for the subspaces  $W$ ,  $V$ , thus we require  $GF^T = \pi_{V,W^\perp}$ . For the choice of  $w = bz - cy$ , we have

$$GF^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x & a \\ 0 & y & b \\ 0 & z & c \end{bmatrix}, \quad \pi_{V,W^\perp} = \frac{1}{w} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & az - cx & bx - ay \\ 0 & w & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w \end{bmatrix}.$$

It must be that  $b = z = 0$ , and  $y = c = 1$ . So, for any  $a, x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have that for

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} x & a \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{it holds } GF^T = \pi_{V,W^\perp} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Further on,  $\dim G = 2$ , and  $f_3 \notin \text{span } G$ , therefore  $\mathbb{R}^3 = V \oplus W^\perp$  for any  $a, x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Observe that for a fixed value of  $x$ , we have infinitely many dual frame completions for  $F$  (with a varying choice of the subspaces  $V$ ).

In Section III-B we will utilize the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of a frame. Recall that given a  $k \times n$  matrix  $A$ , its SVD is  $A = U\Sigma B^*$  where  $U, B$  are unitary and  $\Sigma$  is a diagonal  $k \times n$  matrix whose diagonal entries are the singular values of  $A$ , listed in decreasing order. Furthermore, if  $\text{rank } A = r$ , then the first  $r$  columns of  $U$  form an orthonormal basis for the column space of  $A$ .

### III. FINDING AN OBLIQUE DUAL FRAME

In this section, we explore several approaches towards solving the oblique dual frame completion problem. We begin with an example.

*Example 2:* Consider the  $3 \times 2$  matrices

$$F_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad G_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and let } g = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $V = \text{span } G_0$ ,  $W = \text{span } F_0$ ; observe that  $V$  and  $W$  are two-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $W^\perp = \text{span } g$ . In addition,  $V \oplus W^\perp = \mathbb{R}^3$ , with oblique projection operator

$$\pi_{V,W^\perp} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{while } \pi_V = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have  $G_0 F_0^T = \pi_{V,W^\perp}$ , thus  $G_0$  is an oblique dual frame of  $F_0$  on  $V$ .

$$\text{Let } F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and set } F = [F_0 \ F_1].$$

Note that  $\ker F_1 = \text{span}\{4 \ -1 \ 2\}^T$ . Now, set

$$G_1 = [x \ y \ z]^T [4 \ -1 \ 2].$$

With the choice  $G = [G_0 \ \pi_V G_1]$ , we have  $GF^T = \pi_{V,W^\perp}$  and  $F_1(\pi_V G_1)^T = O$ , where  $O$  is the zero matrix. Thus,  $G$  is also an oblique dual frame for  $F$  on  $V$ .

Motivated by Example 2, we reach the following conclusion:

*Theorem 2:* Let  $V$  and  $W$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  satisfying equation (3). Let  $F_0$  and  $G_0$  be frames for  $W$  and  $V$ , respectively, and let  $G_0$  be an oblique dual frame for  $F_0$  on  $V$ , where  $|F_0| = |G_0| \geq s = \dim W$ . Let  $F = [F_0 \ F_1]_{n \times k}$  be a frame for  $W$ . Given any  $G_1 \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times (k-s)}$ , we have that  $G = [G_0 \ \pi_V G_1]$  is an oblique dual frame for  $F$  on  $V$  if and only if

$$(\ker \pi_V G_1)^\perp \subseteq \ker F_1. \quad (5)$$

Furthermore,

- i. if the columns of  $F_1$  are linearly independent, then the only possible choice for the oblique dual frame completion is  $G = [G_0 \ O]$ .
- ii. if the columns of  $F_1$  are linearly dependent, then there exist infinitely many oblique dual frame completions of  $F$  on  $V$  of type  $G = [G_0 \ G_1]$ .

*Proof 1:*

We want to show that  $G$  is an oblique dual frame for  $F$  on  $V$ , which is equivalent to  $GF^* = \pi_{V,W^\perp}$ . So,  $G_0 F_0^* + \pi_V G_1 F_1^* = \pi_{V,W^\perp}$ . By assumption,  $G_0 F_0^* = \pi_{V,W^\perp}$ , thus  $\pi_V G_1 F_1^* = O$ , that is  $F_1(\pi_V G_1)^* = O$ . We have that  $G$  is an oblique dual frame for  $F$  on  $V$  if and only if  $\text{im}(\pi_V G_1)^* \subseteq \ker F_1$ . The conclusion follows.  $\square$

*Remark 1:* In Example 1, dual frame completion is possible when  $b = z = 0$ ,  $y = c = 1$ . Fixing  $x = 1$ , we can say that  $h_1 = [1 \ 1 \ 0]^T$  can always be completed to an oblique dual frame  $\{h_1, h_2\}$  of  $F = \{f_1, f_2\}$  on  $V = \text{span}\{h_1, h_2\}$ , with  $h_2 = [a \ 0 \ 1]^T$ , where  $a$  is any real number. In this case, the singular values of  $G$  indicate that the frame bounds are 1 and  $a^2 + 2$ , so the lower frame bound is always 1, while the upper bound is minimized for  $a = 0$ . Note that if instead we are given  $h_1 = [x \ 0 \ 0]^T$  we see that  $\{h_1\}$  can never be completed to an oblique dual frame of  $F$  on any subspace  $V$ , as (5) would not be satisfied.

*Theorem 3:* Let  $V$  and  $W$  be  $m$ -dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , satisfying (3). Let  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_k\}$  be a frame for  $W$ , with  $k > m$  and  $F = F_0 \cup F_1$ , where  $F_0 = \{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  and  $F_1 = \{f_{s+1}, \dots, f_k\}$  such that  $1 \leq s \leq k - m$ . Let  $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_s\} \subseteq V$ .

Then there exists an oblique dual frame  $G = H \cup G_1$ , with  $G_1 = \{g_{s+1}, \dots, g_k\}$ , of  $F$  on  $V$  if the columns of  $\pi_{W, V^\perp} - F_0 H^*$  are in the span of the columns of  $F_1$ .

In addition, if  $s = k - m$  and  $F_1$  is of rank  $m$ , then letting  $G_1 = (\pi_{W, V^\perp} - F_0 H^*)^* F_1 (F_1^* F_1)^{-1}$  gives us an oblique dual frame  $G = [H \ G_1]$  of  $F$  on  $V$ .

#### A. Oblique dual frame completion via product matrices

For the next result, we use the fact that for a frame  $F$  of a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , we can always find an invertible  $P$  such that

$$PF^* = \begin{bmatrix} \pi_W \\ O \end{bmatrix}. \quad (6)$$

Indeed, if  $F$  is a frame for  $W$ , then  $F^*$  and  $\pi_W$  generate the same row space, that is, they are row equivalent and  $P$  is the product of matrices corresponding to the row operations.

*Example 3:* Let  $V$  and  $W$  be as in Example 2. Let

$$F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that  $\pi_W = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and observe that  $F_1$  spans  $W$ ,

$\det P = 1/3$ , and  $PF_1^T = \begin{bmatrix} \pi_W \\ O \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $O = [0 \ 0 \ 0]$ .

Then for any  $3 \times 1$  matrix  $A$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ([\pi_{V, W^\perp} \ \pi_V A] P) F_1^T &= [\pi_{V, W^\perp} \ \pi_V A] (PF_1^T) \\ &= [\pi_{V, W^\perp} \ \pi_V A] \begin{bmatrix} \pi_W \\ O \end{bmatrix} = \pi_{V, W^\perp} \pi_W + O = \pi_{V, W^\perp}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $G_1 = [\pi_{V, W^\perp} \ \pi_V A] P$  is an oblique dual frame for  $F_1$ .

*Theorem 4:* Let  $V, W$  be  $m$ -dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  satisfying (3). Let  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_k\}$  be a frame for  $W$ , with  $k > n$ . Then there exists an invertible  $k \times k$  matrix  $P$  such that (6) holds. Write

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_{n \times s} & P_{n \times (k-s)} \\ P_{(k-n) \times s} & P_{(k-n) \times (k-s)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

and let  $H = [h_1 \dots h_s]$  be any given matrix whose columns are in  $V$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq k - n$ .

Then  $G = \{h_1, \dots, h_s, g_{s+1}, \dots, g_k\}$  is an oblique dual frame for  $F$  on  $V$  if there exists a matrix  $A$  whose columns are in  $V$  satisfying

$$AP_{(k-n) \times s} = H - \pi_{V, W^\perp} P_{n \times s}. \quad (8)$$

Here,

$$G = [\pi_{V, W^\perp} \ A] P. \quad (9)$$

If, in addition,  $s = k - n$  and  $P_{(k-n) \times s}$  is invertible, then  $A = (H - \pi_{V, W^\perp} P_{n \times s}) P_{(k-n) \times s}^{-1}$ .

*Proof 2:* Suppose that there exists an  $n \times (k - n)$  matrix  $A$  satisfying (8) or equivalently,

$$H = \pi_{V, W^\perp} P_{n \times s} + AP_{(k-n) \times s}. \quad (10)$$

Let  $[g_{s+1} \dots g_k] = \pi_{V, W^\perp} P_{n \times (k-s)} + AP_{(k-n) \times (k-s)}$ ; then we obtain an oblique dual frame  $G = [\pi_{V, W^\perp} \ A] P$  of frame  $F$  on subspace  $V$ . Note that since the columns of  $A$  are in  $V$ , it is guaranteed that  $G$  is a frame for  $V$ .

If  $s = k - n$  and  $P_{(k-n) \times s}$  is invertible, then by (8), we have  $A = (H - \pi_{V, W^\perp} P_{n \times s}) P_{(k-n) \times (k-n)}^{-1}$  and we can obtain  $G$  via (9).  $\square$

*Remark 2:* Theorem 4 requires the number of frame elements for  $W$  to be larger than the dimension of the whole space. It is natural to ask if we can still apply Theorem 4 even when  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_k\}$  where  $k \leq n$ . Let  $1 \leq s \leq k$  and let  $H = [h_1 \dots h_s]$  be a matrix whose columns are in  $V$ . Consider  $\tilde{F} = F \cup \{0, \dots, 0\}$  such that  $\tilde{k} := |\tilde{F}| > n$ .

By Theorem 4, there exists an oblique dual frame  $\tilde{G}$  of  $\tilde{F}$ , where  $\tilde{G} = H \cup G_1$ ,  $G_1 = \{g_{s+1}, \dots, g_{\tilde{k}}\}$ , if there is a matrix  $A$  such that  $\pi_V A = A$  and  $AP_{(\tilde{k}-n) \times s} = H - \pi_{V, W^\perp} P_{n \times s}$ . Moreover, if  $s = \tilde{k} - n$  and  $P_{(\tilde{k}-n) \times s}$  is invertible, then we obtain  $A$  as in Theorem 4. Now, if there exists an oblique dual  $\tilde{G} = H \cup G_1$  of  $\tilde{F}$ , we must have

$$\pi_{W, V^\perp} = \tilde{F} \tilde{G}^* = [F \ O] [H \ G_1]^* = [F \ O] [G \ G_2]^* = FG^*,$$

where  $G := [H \ g_{s+1} \ \dots \ g_k]$ , and  $G_2 := [g_{k+1} \ \dots \ g_{\tilde{k}}]$ . Thus,  $G$  is an oblique dual frame for  $F$ .

#### B. Oblique dual frame completion via SVD

Let  $V, W$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  such that (3) holds. Suppose  $F = [f_1 \ \dots \ f_k]$  is a frame for the  $m$ -dimensional subspace  $W$  and suppose  $k \geq m$ . Then  $\text{rank } F = m$ . Let  $F = U \Sigma B^*$  be the SVD of  $F$ , where  $U = [U_{n \times m} \ U_{n \times (n-m)}]$  and  $B$  are unitary matrices with

$$U_{n \times m} U_{n \times m}^* = \pi_W, \text{ and } \pi_W U_{n \times m} = U_{n \times m}. \quad (11)$$

In addition,  $\Sigma_m = \text{diag}\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m\}$ , and

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_m & 0_{m \times (k-m)} \\ 0_{(n-m) \times m} & 0_{(n-m) \times (k-m)} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (12)$$

*Theorem 5:* Let  $V, W$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}^n = V \oplus W^\perp$ . Suppose  $F$  is a frame for the  $m$ -dimensional subspace  $W$  and let  $G$  be a frame for  $V$ . Let  $F = U \Sigma B^*$  be the full SVD of  $F$  satisfying (11) and (12). Then  $G$  is an oblique dual frame of  $F$  on  $V$  if and only if there exist a matrix  $M_G$  satisfying

$$M_G = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_m^{-1} & X_{m \times (k-m)} \\ X_{(n-m) \times m} & X_{(n-m) \times (k-m)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (13)$$

and  $G = \pi_{V, W^\perp} U M_G B^*$  for some matrices  $X_{m \times (k-m)}$ ,  $X_{(n-m) \times m}$ ,  $X_{(n-m) \times (k-m)}$ .

*Proof 3:* Let  $G$  be a frame for  $V$ . Then the columns of  $GB$  are in  $V$ . Now since  $U$  is unitary and its columns form an ONB for  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , the columns of  $\pi_{V, W^\perp} U$  span  $V$ . Hence, there exists a matrix  $M_G$  such that

$$\pi_{V, W^\perp} U M_G = GB, \quad (14)$$

and  $G = \pi_{V, W^\perp} U M_G B^*$ .

Now we show that (13) holds, with  $G = \pi_{V,W^\perp} U M_G B^*$ . We observe

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{V,W^\perp} &= G F^* = \pi_{V,W^\perp} U M_G B^* (U \Sigma B^*)^* \\ &= \pi_{V,W^\perp} U M_G \Sigma^* U^*\end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to  $\pi_{V,W^\perp} U (I_n - M_G \Sigma^*) = 0$ .

Now, the first  $m$  columns of  $\pi_{V,W^\perp} U$  are linearly independent, which forces the first  $m$  rows of  $I_n - M_G \Sigma^*$  to be 0. Thus, the upper left block in  $M_G$  is  $\Sigma_m^{-1}$ . We have shown that if  $G$  is an oblique dual frame of  $F$  on  $V$ , then there exists a matrix  $M_G$  such that (13) holds, with  $G = \pi_{V,W^\perp} U M_G B^*$ .

Conversely, if  $M_G$  is as in (13), and  $G = \pi_{V,W^\perp} U M_G B^*$ , then it follows that  $G F^* = \pi_{V,W^\perp}$  (use the fact that  $\ker(\pi_{V,W^\perp}) = W^\perp$  and the columns of  $U_{n \times (n-m)}$  span  $W^\perp$ ).  $\square$

In the next corollary we will treat the unitary matrix  $B$  from the SVD of a frame as a block matrix,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

where  $B_{11}$  is an  $s \times m$  matrix,  $B_{12}$  is an  $s \times (k-m)$  matrix,  $B_{21}$  is a  $(k-s) \times m$  matrix, and  $B_{22}$  is a  $(k-s) \times (k-m)$  matrix.

*Corollary 6:* Let  $V, W$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}^n = V \oplus W^\perp$ , with  $\dim W = m < k$ , and  $W = \text{span } F$ , for some  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_k\}$ . Let  $F = U \Sigma B^*$  be the full SVD of  $F$  with (11), (12) and (15) satisfied. Let  $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_s\} \subset V$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq k$ .

Then there exists a set  $G_1 \subset V$  such that  $G = [H \ G_1]$  is an oblique dual frame for  $F$  on  $V$  if there is an  $n \times (k-m)$  matrix  $Y$  such that

$$Y B_{12}^* = H - \pi_{V,W^\perp} U_{n \times m} \Sigma_m^{-1} B_{11}^*. \quad (16)$$

If  $s = k - m$  and  $B_{12}$  is invertible, then we can take

$$Y = (H - \pi_{V,W^\perp} U_{n \times m} \Sigma_m^{-1} B_{11}^*) (B_{12}^*)^{-1}.$$

The vectors in  $H$  are the first  $s$  vectors in the canonical oblique dual frame if for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, s\}$ , we have

$$h_j = \pi_{V,W^\perp} U_{n \times m} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{b_{j,1}/\sigma_1} \\ \vdots \\ \overline{b_{j,m}/\sigma_m} \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Remark 3:* In Corollary 6, the oblique dual frame completion  $G$  of  $F$  on  $V$  is given by  $G = \pi_{V,W^\perp} U M_G B^*$ , where  $M_G$  is as in (13) and

$$Y = \pi_{V,W^\perp} U_{n \times m} X_{m \times (k-m)}.$$

*Example 4:* Let  $F_0, G_0, V, W$  be as in Example 2. Let

$$F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, S = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 1 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ 1 & -1 & \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Set  $F = [F_0 \ F_1]$ , a frame for a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ; then the SVD of  $F$  is given by  $F = U S B^*$ . Here  $n = 3$ ,  $m = 2$ ,  $k = 4$ ,  $s = 2$ , thus  $s = k - m$ , and

$$B_{12} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

which is invertible. Hence, by Corollary 6 and Remark 3, we find a matrix  $Y$  in (16) and an oblique dual frame  $G$  of  $F$  on  $V$ , where

$$Y = \sqrt{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/2 \\ 1/3 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix}, G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we investigated the existence of an oblique dual frame  $G$  of a frame  $F$  of a finite-dimensional Hilbert space under the assumption that certain vectors are elements of frame  $G$ . In Theorems 2 and 3, we presented conditions for the solvability of the oblique dual frame completion problem. In Theorem 4, we constructed an oblique dual frame using a product matrix satisfying (6). Finally, in Corollary 6, we demonstrated that solving the oblique dual frame completion problem is possible via the SVD of the given frame matrix  $F$ . A direction for future work is to determine the oblique dual frame  $G$  with optimal bounds under the assumption that  $G$  contains certain prescribed vectors.

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