

# HOMEOMORPHIC IMAGES OF ORTHOGONAL BASES\*

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Abstract. Necessary and sufficient conditions are obtained for a sequence  $\{x_j : j \in J\}$  in a Hilbert space to be, up to the elimination of a finite subset of J, the linear homeomorphic image of an orthogonal basis of some Hilbert space K. This extends a similar result for orthonormal bases due to Holub [J.R. Holub. Pre-frame operators, Besselian frames, and near-Riesz bases in Hilbert spaces. *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.*, 122(3):779–785, 1994]. The proofs given here are based on simple linear algebra techniques.

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**1. Introduction.** Throughout the paper, let H be a fixed separable Hilbert space and, to avoid triviality, assume without loss of generality that  $\dim(H) \neq 0$ . The class of all bounded linear operators from a Banach space X into a Banach space Y is denoted by B(X, Y) and by B(X) in case X = Y. In the present paper, we study (finite or infinite) sequences  $\{x_j\}_{j\in \mathbb{J}}$  in H which generate H and are (linear) homeomorphic images of orthogonal bases; more precisely, there exists a bijective Hilbert space operator  $U \in B(K, H)$  such that

(1.1) 
$$UK = H, \ x_j = U\phi_j, \ \langle \phi_i, \phi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} ||\phi_j||^2, \ \forall i, j \in \mathbb{J}, \text{ and} \\ K = \overline{\operatorname{span}} \{\phi_i : \ j \in \mathbb{J} \}.$$

(By  $\overline{\operatorname{span}}(\Delta)$ , we mean the closure of the linear subspace spanned by the subset  $\Delta$  of a given Banach space.) If  $\{\phi_j\}_{j\in\mathbb{J}}$  is orthonormal, then  $\{x_j\}_{j\in\mathbb{J}}$  is called a Riesz basis. We may and shall assume without loss of generality that  $\mathbb{J} = \mathbb{N}$  or  $\mathbb{J} = \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$  with  $n = \dim(K)$ .

J.R. Holub [4] shows that, for a sequence  $\{x_j\}_{j\in\mathbb{J}}$  in H, the following assertions (a)-(c) are equivalent.

(a) A cofinite subset of  $\{x_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$  is a Riesz basis for H.

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- (b)  $0 < \inf_{||x||=1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |\langle x, x_j \rangle|^2 \le \sup_{||x||=1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |\langle x, x_j \rangle|^2 < \infty$ ; moreover, if  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} c_j x_j$  is a convergent series in H, then  $(c_j)_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \in \ell^2(\mathbb{J})$ . (c)  $0 < \inf_{||x||=1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |\langle x, x_j \rangle|^2 \le \sup_{||x||=1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |\langle x, x_j \rangle|^2 < \infty$ ; moreover, the closure of the set  $\mathfrak{R} := (\langle x, x_j \rangle)_{j \in \mathbb{J}} : x \in H$  is a cofinite-dimensional subspace of  $\ell^2(\mathbb{J})$ .

Note that each of the conditions (a) - (c) imply that  $H = \overline{\text{span}}\{x_j : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$ and  $x_j \neq 0$  for all but finitely many  $j \in \mathbb{J}$ . If  $\mathbb{J}_1 = \{j \in \mathbb{J} : x_j \neq 0\}$ , then  $\ell^2(\mathbb{J}) = \ell^2(\mathbb{J}_1) \oplus \ell^2(\mathbb{J} \setminus \mathbb{J}_1)$ , where for our purposes the second summand is completely useless. For these reasons, we assume without loss of generality that

(1.2) 
$$H = \overline{\operatorname{span}}\{x_j: j \in \mathbb{J}\}, \text{ and } x_j \neq 0, \forall j \in \mathbb{J}.$$

Also, the part  $0 < \inf_{||x||=1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |\langle x, x_j \rangle|^2 \le \sup_{||x||=1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |\langle x, x_j \rangle|^2 < \infty$  of Conditions (b) - (c) implies that the so-called analysis mapping  $x \mapsto (\langle x, x_i \rangle)$  is a continuous linear transformation with domain  $\mathfrak{D}$  and range  $\mathfrak{R}$  satisfying

(1.3) 
$$\mathfrak{D} = H \text{ and } \mathfrak{R} = \overline{\mathfrak{R}} \subset \ell^2(\mathbb{J}).$$

We will, thus, make use of these weaker conditions in our generalizations of Holub's result to be explained below.

Let  $\ell^2(w_j)$  denote the Hilbert space  $L^2(\mathbb{J}, 2^{\mathbb{J}}, \mu)$  in which  $\mu$  is a positive measure defined by  $\mu(\{j\}) = w_i > 0$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{J}$ ; if  $0 < \inf_j w_j \leq \sup w_j < \infty$ , then  $\ell^2(\mathbb{J}) \equiv \ell^2(w_i)$ . The analysis operator corresponding to a general sequence  $\{x_i\}$  in H is defined as the linear transformation  $T: H \to \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{J}}$  by  $Tx = (\langle x, x_i \rangle)_i$ .

As we mentioned earlier, Condition (1.2) makes T injective and makes it possible to define  $\mathfrak{R} := (TH) \cap \ell^2(||x_j||^{-2})$  equipped with the norm inherited from  $\ell^2(||x_j||^{-2})$ and to define  $\mathfrak{D} := T^{-1}(\mathfrak{R})$ . The first part of Condition (1.2) is an immediate consequence of each of (1.1), (a), (b) or (c); the second part is imposed to avoid redundant vectors which can occur at most finitely many times under Conditions (a) - (c). The restriction  $T|_{\mathfrak{D}}$  of the analysis operator T is said to be bounded if

(1.4) 
$$||Tx||^{2} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} |\langle x, x_{j} \rangle|^{2} ||x_{j}||^{-2} \le b||x||^{2}, \ \forall x \in \mathfrak{D}.$$

We tried to mimic Holub's proof to extend his results to the case that  $\{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{J}}$ has a cofinite subset which is a homeomorphic image of a general orthogonal basis  $\{\phi_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{J}}$ . However, we ended up with a new proof for the original results as well as their extensions which seems to be of interest to linear algebraists. The proof involves a kind of row echelon form techniques in the infinite dimensions; for this reason, we avoid the terminologies from frame theory or wavelets.

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#### 2. Main results. The following is the main result of the paper.

THEOREM 2.1. Let  $\{x_j\}_{j\in\mathbb{J}}$  be a sequence in H satisfying (1.2). If  $T|_{\mathfrak{D}}$  is bounded, then  $\mathfrak{D} = \overline{\mathfrak{D}}$ . Moreover, the following assertions (a') - (c') are equivalent.

- (a') Up to a reordering of  $\mathbb{J}$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that (1.1) holds with  $\mathbb{J}$  replaced by  $\{j \in \mathbb{J} : j \geq N\}$ .
- (b')  $\mathfrak{D} = H$ ,  $T|_{\mathfrak{D}}$  is bounded,  $\mathfrak{R} = \overline{\mathfrak{R}}$  and, if  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} c_j x_j$  is a convergent series in H, then  $(c_j||x_j||)_{j \in \mathbb{J}} \in \ell^2(\mathbb{J})$ .
- (c')  $\mathfrak{D} = H, T|_{\mathfrak{D}}$  is bounded and  $\mathfrak{R} = \overline{\mathfrak{R}}$  with  $\dim(\mathfrak{R}^{\perp}) = m$  for some integer m.

Proof. The proof of  $\mathfrak{D} = \overline{\mathfrak{D}}$  follows from the closability of T proven by Antonie and Balasz [1]; however, to avoid the inconveniency of the superficial differences, we brief the proof here. Let  $y_n \in \mathfrak{D}$  converge to  $y \in \overline{\mathfrak{D}}$ . Then  $(\langle y_n, x_j \rangle)_j$  converges to  $Ty = (c_j)_j \in \ell^2(||x_j||^{-2})$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Hence, for each  $j \in \mathbb{J}$ ,  $\langle y_n, x_j \rangle \to c_j$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Thus,  $c_j = \langle y, x_j \rangle \ \forall j \in \mathbb{J}$ , and  $y \in \mathfrak{D}$ . This establishes the first part of the theorem. Now, we continue the proof in three steps.

 $(a') \Rightarrow (b')$ : It is sufficient to prove (b') for  $J = \mathbb{J} \cap \{N, N+1, N+2, \ldots\}$ . Since  $||x_j|| \leq ||U|| ||\phi_j|| \leq ||U|| ||U^{-1}|| ||x_j||$  for all  $j \in J$ , it follows that, for any unit vector  $x \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< ||U^{-1}||^{-2} ||U||^{-2} \leq ||U||^{-2} ||U^*x||^2 = ||U||^{-2} \sum_{j \in J} |\langle U^*x, \phi_j / ||\phi_j|| \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq ||Tx||^2 = \sum_{j \in J} |\langle x, x_j \rangle|^2 ||x_j||^{-2} = \sum_{j \in J} |\langle U^*x, \phi_j / ||\phi_j|| \rangle|^2 (||\phi_j|| / ||x_j||)^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in J} |\langle U^*x, \phi_j / ||\phi_j|| \rangle|^2 = ||U^{-1}||^2 ||U^*x||^2 \leq ||U^{-1}||^2 ||U||^2 < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\mathfrak{D} = H$ , the linear transformations  $T_{\mathfrak{D}} : H \to \mathfrak{R}$  and  $T_{\mathfrak{D}}^{-1} : \mathfrak{R} \to H$  are bounded and, hence, the subspace  $\mathfrak{R}$  is closed.

Next, assume  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} c_j x_j$  is a convergent series in H for some sequence of complex numbers  $(c_j)_{j \in \mathbb{J}}$ . Then  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{J} \setminus J} |c_j|^2 ||x_j||^2 < \infty$  and

$$||U||^{-2} \sum_{j \in J} |c_j|^2 ||x_j||^2 \le \sum_{j \in J} |c_j|^2 ||\phi_j||^2 = ||\sum_{j \in J} c_j \phi_j||^2 = ||U^{-1} \sum_{j \in J} c_j x_j||^2 < \infty.$$

 $(b') \Rightarrow (c')$ : Trivially,  $\mathfrak{D} = H, T|_{\mathfrak{D}}$  is bounded and  $\mathfrak{R} = \overline{\mathfrak{R}}$ . Assume, if possible, dim $(\mathfrak{R}^{\perp}) = \infty$ ; in this case,  $\mathbb{J} = \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\{\psi_1, \psi_2, \ldots, \psi_n, \ldots\}$  be any infinite sequence of linearly independent vectors in ker $(T^*)$ . Let  $\{e_j : j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  be the standard  $\{0, 1\}$ basis of  $\ell^2(||x_j||^{-2})$ . Define  $\xi_j = ||x_j||e_j$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and observe that  $\{\xi_j : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is an orthonormal basis of  $\ell^2(||x_j||^{-2})$ . Write  $\psi_n = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_{nj}\xi_j$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Applying the row echelon form techniques to infinite square arrays, we can restrict ourselves to

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an infinite subsequence of  $\{\psi_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  to assume without loss of generality that

(2.1) 
$$||\psi_n|| = 1, \ \psi_n = \sum_{j=k_n}^{\infty} c_{nj}\xi_j \text{ and } c_{n,k_n} \neq 0$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for some positive integers  $k_1 < k_2 < k_3 < \cdots$ . Since  $T^*\psi_n = 0$  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can proceed by induction on n to replace the sequence  $k_1, k_2, k_3, \ldots$  by a subsequence to assume without loss of generality that

$$||T^*(\sum_{j=k_n}^m c_{nj}\xi_j)|| < 2^{-n} \text{ and } 1 - 2^{-n} \le \sum_{j=k_n}^m |c_{nj}|^2 \le 1 \ \forall m \ge k_n.$$

It is easy to see that  $T^*\xi_j = ||x_j||^{-1}x_j$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and, letting  $m_n = k_{n+1} - 1$ , the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1/2} \sum_{j=k_n}^{m_n} (c_{nj} ||x_j||^{-1}) x_j \quad \left( \text{or } T^* \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1/2} \sum_{j=k_n}^{m_n} c_{nj} \xi_j \right)$$

converges. On the other hand, the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} \sum_{j=k_n}^{m_n} |(c_{nj}||x_j||^{-1})|^2 ||x_j||^2$$

diverges; a contradiction.

 $(c') \Rightarrow (a')$ : Let  $\xi_j = ||x_j||e_j$  be as in the proof of  $(b') \Rightarrow (c')$  and recall that  $T^*e_j = ||x_j||^{-2}x_j$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{J}$ . The proof will be complete if we can eliminate a finite subset of  $\mathbb{J}$  to arrive at a subset J such that the restriction of  $T^*$  to  $K := \overline{\operatorname{span}}\{e_j : j \in J\}$  is a homeomorphism onto H. Let  $m = \dim(\mathfrak{R}^{\perp})$ . If  $m \geq 1$ , choose a (not necessarily orthogonal) basis  $\{\psi_1, \psi_2, \ldots, \psi_m\}$  for  $\ker(T^*) = \mathfrak{R}^{\perp}$  and write  $\psi_i = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} c_{ij}\xi_j$   $(j \in \mathbb{J}, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m)$ . Applying the row echelon form and relabeling a finite number of  $\xi_j$ 's, one can assume without loss of generality that

(2.2)  

$$\psi_{1} = \xi_{1} + c_{1,m+1}\xi_{m+1} + c_{1,m+2}\xi_{m+2} + \cdots$$

$$\psi_{2} = \xi_{2} + c_{2,m+1}\xi_{m+1} + c_{2,m+2}\xi_{m+2} + \cdots$$

$$\psi_{3} = \xi_{3} + c_{3,m+1}\xi_{m+1} + c_{3,m+2}\xi_{m+2} + \cdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\psi_{m} = \xi_{m} + c_{m,m+1}\xi_{m+1} + c_{m,m+2}\xi_{m+2} + \cdots$$

The desired J and K can be now defined as  $J = \mathbb{J} \cap \{m+1, m+2, \ldots\}$  and  $K := \overline{\operatorname{span}}(\{e_j : j \in J\})$ . Define  $U \in B(K, H)$  by  $U = T^*|_K$ . Then  $Ue_j = ||x_j||^{-2}x_j$  or, equivalently,  $U\xi_j = ||x_j||^{-1}x_j$  for all  $j \in J$ . Let Ux = 0 for some  $x \in K$  and write



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 $x = u \oplus v$  with  $u \in \mathfrak{R}$  and  $v \in \ker(T^*) = \mathfrak{R}^{\perp}$ . Then  $T^*u = T^*v = 0$  and, hence, u = 0. Consequently,  $x \in \ker(T^*)$  and

$$x = \alpha_1 \psi_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \psi_m = \alpha_1 \xi_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \xi_m + \sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j \xi_j \in K$$

for some complex numbers  $\alpha_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{J}$ . Thus,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \cdots = \alpha_m = 0$  and, hence, x = 0. Thus,  $U : K \to H$  is a bounded injective operator and it remains to show that it is surjective.

Consider  $T: H \to \Re \oplus \Re^{\perp}$  and  $T^*: \Re \oplus \Re^{\perp} \to H$  with the following block matrix representations:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} S \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $T^* = \begin{bmatrix} S^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

in which  $S : H \to \mathfrak{R}$  and  $S^* : \mathfrak{R} \to H$  are linear homeomorphisms. For arbitrary  $y \in H$ , choose  $z \in \mathfrak{R}$  such that  $y = S^*z = T^*z$ . There exist complex numbers  $c_j$  such that

$$z = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{J}} c_j \xi_j = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \xi_j + \sum_{j \in J} c_j \xi_j = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \psi_j + x,$$

where  $x = -\sum_{j=1}^{m} c_j \sum_{i \in J} c_{ji} \xi_i + \sum_{j \in J} c_j \xi_j \in K$  and  $Ux = T^*x = T^*z = y$ . Thus,  $U: K \to H$  is a linear homeomorphism mapping the orthogonal basis  $\{||x_j||^2 e_j\}_{j \in J}$  onto the sequence  $\{x_j\}_{j \in J}$ .  $\square$ 

COROLLARY 2.2. If N and m make (a') and (c') equivalent, it follows necessarily that m = N.

Proof. Note that  $m = \dim(\mathfrak{R}^{\perp})$  is unique and, in view of the proof of  $(c') \Rightarrow (a')$ , the integer N = m establishes (a'). It remains to show that N is unique, too. For each i = 1, 2, let  $J_i$  be a cofinite subset of  $\mathbb{J}$  such that  $x_j = U_i \phi_{ji}$  for  $j \in J_i$  for some linear homeomorphism  $U_i \in B(K_i, H)$  and some orthogonal basis  $\{\phi_{ji}\}$  of a Hilbert space  $K_i$ . Let  $J = J_1 \cap J_2$  and define  $H_0 = \overline{\operatorname{span}}(\{x_j : j \in J\})$ . Let  $y_j$  be the projection of  $x_j$  on  $H_0^{\perp}$ . Since  $\{x_j/||\phi_{ji}||: j \in J_i\}$  is a Riesz basis for H, it follows that  $\{y_j/||\phi_{ji}||: j \in J_i \setminus J\}$  is a basis for the finite dimensional space  $H_0^{\perp}$  for i = 1, 2. Thus, the sets  $J_1 \setminus J$  and  $J_2 \setminus J$  have the same cardinality and so do the sets  $\mathbb{J} \setminus J_1$  and  $\mathbb{J} \setminus J_2$ .  $\square$ 

REMARK. It is interesting to extend Theorem 2.1 when the sequence  $x_j$  is replaced by a function x(t) with values in H as t runs in a measure space  $\mathfrak{T}$  equipped with an arbitrary positive measure  $\tau$ . The analysis operator  $T : H \to \mathbb{C}^{\mathfrak{T}}$  is defined as  $(Tx)(t) = \langle x, x(t) \rangle$  for  $t \in \mathfrak{T}$ . Here, again, we define  $\mathfrak{R} := (TH) \cap L^2(\tau)$  and  $\mathfrak{D} = T^{-1}(\mathfrak{R})$ . Again, here, if  $T|_{\mathfrak{D}}$  is continuous and if  $y_n$  is a sequence in  $\mathfrak{D}$  converging

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to  $\overline{\mathfrak{D}}$ , it follows that  $Ty_n$  converges pointwise to some  $f \in L^2(\tau)$  such that  $f(t) = \langle y, x(t) \rangle$  a.e. $[\tau]$ . Therefore, we can assume without loss of generality that f = Ty and, hence,  $y \in \mathfrak{D}$ . Thus,  $\mathfrak{D}$  is closed. Since H is separable, we have no counterpart of Condition (a'). Regarding the counterpart of (b'), we run into difficulty with the type of convergence of the integral of the vector-valued functions. However, Condition (c') can be easily interpreted as Condition (c'') given below.

(c")  $\mathfrak{D} = H, T|_{\mathfrak{D}}$  is bounded and  $\mathfrak{R}$  is a cofinite-dimensional closed subspace of  $L^2(\tau)$ .

Strange to say, it turns out that the measure space  $\mathfrak{T}$  of Condition (c") is necessarily a countable union of atoms of  $\tau$  and, hence, x(t) is essentially a sequence. This can be deduced from results obtained by Askari-Hemmat, Dehghan and Radjabalipour [2] and Giv and Radjabalipour [3]. Here, we present a clear short proof of it.

Let  $m = \dim(\mathfrak{R}^{\perp})$  and define  $K = H \oplus \mathbb{C}^m$ . Let  $g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_m$  be an orthonormal set in  $\mathfrak{R}^{\perp}$  and assume they are defined everywhere on  $\mathfrak{T}$ . Define  $y(t) = x(t) \oplus [\bar{g}_1(t)\phi_1 + \cdots + \bar{g}_m(t)\phi_m]$ , where  $\{\phi_1, \phi_2, \ldots, \phi_m\}$  is the standard  $\{0, 1\}$ -basis of  $\mathbb{C}^m$ . Now, if  $t \in \mathfrak{T}$  and  $k = h \oplus [c_1\phi_1 + \cdots + c_m\phi_m] \in K$  is arbitrary, then  $y(t) \in K$ ,  $||k||^2 = ||h||^2 + \sum_i |c_i|^2$  and  $\langle k, y(\cdot) \rangle = \langle h, x(\cdot) \rangle + c_1g_1(\cdot) + c_2g_2(\cdot) + \cdots + c_mg_m(\cdot) \in L^2(\tau)$ . Thus, letting  $T_y$ ,  $\mathfrak{R}_y$  and  $\mathfrak{D}_y$  denote the analysis operator and the other associated parameters of y(t), it follows that  $||T_yk||^2 = ||T_xh||^2 + |c_1|^2 + \cdots + |c_m|^2 \leq (||T_x||^2 + 1)||k||^2$ . Therefore,  $(c^r)$  holds when  $x(t) \in H$  is replaced by  $y(t) \in K$  and, in this case,  $\mathfrak{R}_y \supset \mathfrak{R}_x \cup \{g_1 = T_y\phi_1, g_2 = T_y\phi_2, \ldots, g_m = T_y\phi_m\}$ ; i.e.,  $\mathfrak{R}_y = L^2(\tau)$ .

Next, replace y(t) by z(t) = y(t)/||y(t)|| and  $d\tau$  by  $d\nu = ||y(t)||^2 d\tau$ . Again, here,

$$||T_z w||^2 = \int |\langle w, z(t) \rangle|^2 d\nu = \int |\langle w, y(t) \rangle|^2 d\tau = ||T_y w||^2 \le ||T_y||^2 ||w||^2 < \infty \ \forall w \in K$$

which implies that  $\mathfrak{D}_z = K$  and  $T_z$  is bounded. Moreover, the mapping  $W : L^2(\tau) \to L^2(\nu)$  defined by  $(Wg)(t) = g(t)||y(t)||^{-1}$  is a unitary operator with inverse  $(W^{-1}h)(t) = h(t)||y(t)||$  for all  $g \in L^2(\tau)$  and all  $h \in L^2(\nu)$ . In particular,  $W(T_yw) = T_zw$  for all  $w \in K$ , which implies that  $\mathfrak{R}_z = W\mathfrak{R}_y = L^2(\nu)$ . Therefore, (c") holds for z(t) with the extra conditions that  $||z(t)|| \equiv 1$  and  $\mathfrak{R}_z = L^2(\nu)$ .

Finally, let E be an arbitrary set of positive  $\nu$ -measure. Then, for all  $t \in E$ ,

$$\nu(E)^{-1/2} = \nu(E)^{-1/2} \chi_E(t) = \langle T_z^{-1}(\nu(E)^{-1/2} \chi_E), z(t) \rangle$$
  
$$\leq ||T_z^{-1}|| \cdot ||\nu(E)^{-1/2} \chi_E|| \cdot ||z(t)|| = ||T_z^{-1}|| < \infty,$$

and, hence,

(2.3) 
$$\nu(E) \ge ||T_z^{-1}||^{-2} > 0.$$



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This shows that  $\nu$  and, consequently,  $\tau$  are supported on the union  $\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{J}} E_j$  of atomic sets. Now, identifying  $E_j$  as  $\{j\}$  reveals that F is a *w*-frame.

Summing up, we have proven the following corollary.

COROLLARY 2.3. Let  $x: \mathfrak{T} \to H$  and define  $T: H \to \mathbb{C}^{\mathfrak{T}}$  by  $Ty = (\langle y, x(t) \rangle)$  for  $t \in \mathfrak{T}$ , where  $\mathfrak{T}$  is a set equipped with a positive measure  $\tau$ . Let  $\mathfrak{R} = (TH) \cap L^2(\tau)$  and let  $\mathfrak{D} = T^{-1}(\mathfrak{R})$ . Assume  $T|_{\mathfrak{D}}$  is a bounded linear transformation. Then  $\overline{\mathfrak{D}} = \mathfrak{D}$ . Moreover, if  $\mathfrak{D} = H$  and  $\mathfrak{R}$  is a cofinite-dimensional closed subspace of  $L^2(\tau)$ , then  $\mathfrak{T}$  is the disjoint union of  $\tau$ -atoms  $\{E_j: j \in \mathbb{J}\}$  for some countable set  $\mathbb{J}$ . Identifying  $E_j$  with  $\{j\}$  yields a sequence  $\{x_j\}$  satisfying (c'), where  $x_j = x(t)$  for almost all  $t \in E_j$ .

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