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# Functional Donoho-Stark Approximate Support Uncertainty Principle

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**Abstract:** Let  $(\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n)$  and  $(\{g_k\}_{k=1}^n, \{\omega_k\}_{k=1}^n)$  be two  $p$ -orthonormal bases for a finite dimensional Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{0\}$  is such that  $\theta_f x$  is  $\varepsilon$ -supported on  $M \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  w.r.t.  $p$ -norm and  $\theta_g x$  is  $\delta$ -supported on  $N \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  w.r.t.  $p$ -norm, then we show that (1)  $o(M)^{\frac{1}{p}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)|} \max\{1 - \varepsilon - \delta, 0\}$ , (2)  $o(M)^{\frac{1}{q}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)|} \max\{1 - \varepsilon - \delta, 0\}$ , where  $\theta_f : \mathcal{X} \ni x \mapsto (f_j(x))_{j=1}^n \in \ell^p([n])$ ;  $\theta_g : \mathcal{X} \ni x \mapsto (g_k(x))_{k=1}^n \in \ell^p([n])$  and  $q$  is the conjugate index of  $p$ . We call Inequalities (1) and (2) as **Functional Donoho-Stark Approximate Support Uncertainty Principle**. Inequalities (1) and (2) improve the finite approximate support uncertainty principle obtained by Donoho and Stark [SIAM J. Appl. Math., 1989].

**Keywords:** uncertainty principle; orthonormal basis; Hilbert space; Banach space

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$ . Recall that a function  $f \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is said to be  $\varepsilon$ -supported on a measurable subset  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  (also known as  $\varepsilon$ -approximately supported as well as  $\varepsilon$ -essentially supported) [1,9] if

$$\left( \int_{E^c} |f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \varepsilon \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\widehat{\cdot} : \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be the unitary Fourier transform obtained by extending uniquely the bounded linear operator

$$\widehat{\cdot} : \mathcal{L}^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \ni f \mapsto \widehat{f} \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^d); \quad \widehat{f} : \mathbb{R}^d \ni \xi \mapsto \widehat{f}(\xi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) e^{-2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} dx \in \mathbb{C}.$$

In 1989, Donoho and Stark derived the following uncertainty principle on approximate supports of function and its Fourier transform [1].

**Theorem 1.1.** [1] (*Donoho-Stark Approximate Support Uncertainty Principle*) If  $f \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \setminus \{0\}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -supported on a measurable subset  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\widehat{f}$  is  $\delta$ -supported on a measurable subset  $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ , then

$$m(E)m(F) \geq (1 - \varepsilon - \delta)^2.$$

Ultimate result in [1] is the finite dimensional Heisenberg uncertainty principle known today as Donoho-Stark uncertainty principle. It is then natural to seek a finite dimensional version of Theorem 1.1. For this, first one needs the notion of approximate support in finite dimensions. Donoho and Stark defined this notion as follows. For  $h \in \mathbb{C}^d$ , let  $\|h\|_0$  be the number of nonzero entries in  $h$ . Let  $\widehat{\cdot} : \mathbb{C}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$  be the Fourier transform. Given a subset  $M \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ , the number of elements in  $M$  is denoted by  $o(M)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [1] Let  $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$ . A vector  $(a_j)_{j=1}^d \in \mathbb{C}^d$  is said to be  $\varepsilon$ -supported on a subset  $M \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}$  if

$$\left( \sum_{j \in M^c} |a_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \varepsilon \left( \sum_{j=1}^d |a_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Finite dimensional version of Theorem 1.1 then reads as follows.

**Theorem 1.3.** [1] (*Finite Donoho-Stark Approximate Support Uncertainty Principle*) If  $h \in \mathbb{C}^d \setminus \{0\}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -supported on  $M \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}$  and  $\hat{h}$  is  $\delta$ -supported on  $N \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}$ , then

$$o(M)o(N) \geq d(1 - \varepsilon - \delta)^2.$$

In 1990, Smith [8] generalized Theorem 1.3 to Fourier transforms defined on locally compact abelian groups. Recently, Banach space version of finite Donoho-Stark uncertainty principle has been derived in [2]. Therefore we seek a Banach space version of Theorem 1.3. This we obtain in this paper.

## 2. Functional Donoho-Stark Approximate Support Uncertainty Principle

In the paper,  $\mathbb{K}$  denotes  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  denotes a finite dimensional Banach space over  $\mathbb{K}$ . Identity operator on  $\mathcal{X}$  is denoted by  $I_{\mathcal{X}}$ . Dual of  $\mathcal{X}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{X}^*$ . Whenever  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $q$  denotes the conjugate index of  $p$ . For  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , the standard finite dimensional Banach space  $\mathbb{K}^d$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  equipped with standard  $\|\cdot\|_p$  norm is denoted by  $\ell^p([d])$ . Canonical basis for  $\mathbb{K}^d$  is denoted by  $\{e_j\}_{j=1}^d$  and  $\{\zeta_j\}_{j=1}^d$  be the coordinate functionals associated with  $\{e_j\}_{j=1}^d$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [3] Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a finite dimensional Banach space over  $\mathbb{K}$ . Let  $\{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n$  be a basis for  $\mathcal{X}$  and let  $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n$  be the coordinate functionals associated with  $\{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n$ . The pair  $(\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n)$  is said to be a  $p$ -orthonormal basis ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) for  $\mathcal{X}$  if the following conditions hold.

- (i)  $\|f_j\| = \|\tau_j\| = 1$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .
- (ii) For every  $(a_j)_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{K}^n$ ,

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \tau_j \right\| = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Given a  $p$ -orthonormal basis  $(\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n)$  for  $\mathcal{X}$ , we get the following two invertible isometries:

$$\theta_f : \mathcal{X} \ni x \mapsto (f_j(x))_{j=1}^n \in \ell^p([n]), \quad \theta_\tau : \ell^p([n]) \ni (a_j)_{j=1}^n \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \tau_j \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Then we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $(\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n)$  be a  $p$ -orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then

- (i)  $\theta_f$  is an invertible isometry.
- (ii)  $\theta_\tau$  is an invertible isometry.
- (iii)  $\theta_\tau \theta_f = I_{\mathcal{X}}$ .

It is natural to guess the following version of Definition 1.2 for  $\ell^p([n])$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$ . A vector  $(a_j)_{j=1}^n \in \ell^p([n])$  is said to be  $\varepsilon$ -supported on a subset  $M \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  w.r.t.  $p$ -norm if

$$\left( \sum_{j \in M^c} |a_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \varepsilon \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

With the above definition we have following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4. (Functional Donoho-Stark Approximate Support Uncertainty Principle)** Let  $(\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n)$  and  $(\{g_k\}_{k=1}^n, \{\omega_k\}_{k=1}^n)$  be two  $p$ -orthonormal bases for a finite dimensional Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{0\}$  is such that  $\theta_f x$  is  $\varepsilon$ -supported on  $M \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  w.r.t.  $p$ -norm and  $\theta_g x$  is  $\delta$ -supported on  $N \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  w.r.t.  $p$ -norm, then

$$o(M)^{\frac{1}{p}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)|} \max\{1 - \varepsilon - \delta, 0\}, \quad (3)$$

$$o(M)^{\frac{1}{q}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)|} \max\{1 - \varepsilon - \delta, 0\}. \quad (4)$$

*Proof.* For  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ , define  $P_S : \ell^p([n]) \ni (a_j)_{j=1}^n \mapsto \sum_{j \in S} a_j e_j \in \ell^p([n])$  be the canonical projection onto the coordinates indexed by  $S$ . Now define  $V := P_M \theta_f \theta_\omega P_N : \ell^p([n]) \rightarrow \ell^p([n])$ . Then for  $z \in \ell^p([n])$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Vz\|^p &= \|P_M \theta_f \theta_\omega P_N z\|^p = \left\| P_M \theta_f \theta_\omega P_N \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \zeta_k(z) e_k \right) \right\|^p = \left\| P_M \theta_f \theta_\omega \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \zeta_k(z) P_N e_k \right) \right\|^p \\ &= \left\| P_M \theta_f \theta_\omega \left( \sum_{k \in N} \zeta_k(z) e_k \right) \right\|^p = \left\| P_M \theta_f \left( \sum_{k \in N} \zeta_k(z) \theta_\omega e_k \right) \right\|^p = \left\| P_M \theta_f \left( \sum_{k \in N} \zeta_k(z) \omega_k \right) \right\|^p \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k \in N} \zeta_k(z) P_M \theta_f \omega_k \right\|^p = \left\| \sum_{k \in N} \zeta_k(z) P_M \left( \sum_{j=1}^n f_j(\omega_k) e_j \right) \right\|^p = \left\| \sum_{k \in N} \zeta_k(z) \sum_{j=1}^n f_j(\omega_k) P_M e_j \right\|^p \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k \in N} \zeta_k(z) \sum_{j \in M} f_j(\omega_k) e_j \right\|^p = \left\| \sum_{j \in M} \left( \sum_{k \in N} \zeta_k(z) f_j(\omega_k) \right) e_j \right\|^p = \sum_{j \in M} \left| \sum_{k \in N} \zeta_k(z) f_j(\omega_k) \right|^p \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in M} \left( \sum_{k \in N} |\zeta_k(z) f_j(\omega_k)| \right)^p \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)| \right)^p \sum_{j \in M} \left( \sum_{k \in N} |\zeta_k(z)| \right)^p \\ &= \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)| \right)^p o(M) \left( \sum_{k \in N} |\zeta_k(z)| \right)^p \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)| \right)^p o(M) \left( \sum_{k \in N} |\zeta_k(z)|^p \right)^{\frac{p}{p}} \left( \sum_{k \in N} 1^q \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \\ &= \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)| \right)^p o(M) \left( \sum_{k \in N} |\zeta_k(z)|^p \right)^{\frac{p}{p}} o(N)^{\frac{p}{q}} \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)| \right)^p o(M) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |\zeta_k(z)|^p \right)^{\frac{p}{p}} o(N)^{\frac{p}{q}} \\ &= \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)| \right)^p o(M) \|z\|^p o(N)^{\frac{p}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\|V\| \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)| \right) o(M)^{\frac{1}{p}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \quad (5)$$

We now wish to find a lower bound on the operator norm of  $V$ . For  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \|\theta_f x - V\theta_g x\| &\leq \|\theta_f x - P_M \theta_f x\| + \|P_M \theta_f x - V\theta_g x\| \leq \varepsilon \|\theta_f x\| + \|P_M \theta_f x - V\theta_g x\| \\ &= \varepsilon \|\theta_f x\| + \|P_M \theta_f x - P_M \theta_f \theta_\omega P_N \theta_g x\| = \varepsilon \|\theta_f x\| + \|P_M \theta_f (x - \theta_\omega P_N \theta_g x)\| \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|\theta_f x\| + \|x - \theta_\omega P_N \theta_g x\| = \varepsilon \|\theta_f x\| + \|\theta_\omega \theta_g x - \theta_\omega P_N \theta_g x\| \\ &= \varepsilon \|\theta_f x\| + \|\theta_\omega (\theta_g x - P_N \theta_g x)\| = \varepsilon \|\theta_f x\| + \|\theta_g x - P_N \theta_g x\| \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|\theta_f x\| + \delta \|\theta_g x\| = \varepsilon \|x\| + \delta \|x\| = (\varepsilon + \delta) \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Using triangle inequality, we then get

$$\|x\| - \|V\theta_g x\| = \|\theta_f x\| - \|V\theta_g x\| \leq \|\theta_f x - V\theta_g x\| \leq (\varepsilon + \delta) \|x\|, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Since  $\theta_g$  is an invertible isometry,

$$(1 - \varepsilon - \delta) \|x\| \leq \|V\theta_g x\|, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X} \implies (1 - \varepsilon - \delta) \|y\| = (1 - \varepsilon - \delta) \|\theta_g^{-1} y\| \leq \|Vy\|, \quad \forall y \in \ell^p([n]),$$

i.e.,

$$\max\{1 - \varepsilon - \delta, 0\} \leq \|V\|. \quad (6)$$

Using Inequalities (5) and (6) we get

$$\max\{1 - \varepsilon - \delta, 0\} \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)| \right) o(M)^{\frac{1}{p}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

To prove second inequality, define  $W := P_N \theta_g \theta_\tau P_M : \ell^p([n]) \rightarrow \ell^p([n])$ . Then for  $z \in \ell^p([n])$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Wz\|^p &= \|P_N \theta_g \theta_\tau P_M z\|^p = \left\| P_N \theta_g \theta_\tau P_M \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \zeta_j(z) e_j \right) \right\|^p = \left\| P_N \theta_g \theta_\tau \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \zeta_j(z) P_M e_j \right) \right\|^p \\ &= \left\| P_N \theta_g \theta_\tau \left( \sum_{j \in M} \zeta_j(z) e_j \right) \right\|^p = \left\| P_N \theta_g \left( \sum_{j \in M} \zeta_j(z) \theta_\tau e_j \right) \right\|^p = \left\| P_N \theta_g \left( \sum_{j \in M} \zeta_j(z) \tau_j \right) \right\|^p \\ &= \left\| \sum_{j \in M} \zeta_j(z) P_N \theta_g \tau_j \right\|^p = \left\| \sum_{j \in M} \zeta_j(z) P_N \left( \sum_{k=1}^n g_k(\tau_j) e_k \right) \right\|^p = \left\| \sum_{j \in M} \zeta_j(z) \sum_{k=1}^n g_k(\tau_j) P_N e_k \right\|^p \\ &= \left\| \sum_{j \in M} \zeta_j(z) \sum_{k \in N} g_k(\tau_j) e_k \right\|^p = \left\| \sum_{k \in N} \left( \sum_{j \in M} \zeta_j(z) g_k(\tau_j) \right) e_k \right\|^p = \sum_{k \in N} \left| \sum_{j \in M} \zeta_j(z) g_k(\tau_j) \right|^p \\ &\leq \sum_{k \in N} \left( \sum_{j \in M} |\zeta_j(z) g_k(\tau_j)| \right)^p \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)| \right)^p \sum_{k \in N} \left( \sum_{j \in M} |\zeta_j(z)| \right)^p \\ &= \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)| \right)^p o(N) \left( \sum_{j \in M} |\zeta_j(z)| \right)^p \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)| \right)^p o(N) \left( \sum_{j \in M} |\zeta_j(z)|^p \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \left( \sum_{j \in M} 1^q \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \\ &= \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)| \right)^p o(N) \left( \sum_{j \in M} |\zeta_j(z)|^p \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} o(M)^{\frac{p}{q}} \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)| \right)^p o(N) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |\zeta_j(z)|^p \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} o(M)^{\frac{p}{q}} \\ &= \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)| \right)^p o(N) \|z\|^p o(M)^{\frac{p}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\|W\| \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)| \right) o(M)^{\frac{1}{q}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \quad (7)$$

Now for  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\theta_g x - W\theta_f x\| &\leq \|\theta_g x - P_N \theta_g x\| + \|P_N \theta_g x - W\theta_f x\| \leq \delta \|\theta_g x\| + \|P_N \theta_g x - W\theta_f x\| \\ &= \delta \|\theta_g x\| + \|P_N \theta_g x - P_N \theta_g \theta_\tau P_M \theta_f x\| = \delta \|\theta_g x\| + \|P_N \theta_g (x - \theta_\tau P_M \theta_f x)\| \\ &\leq \delta \|\theta_g x\| + \|x - \theta_\tau P_M \theta_f x\| = \delta \|\theta_g x\| + \|\theta_\tau \theta_f x - \theta_\tau P_M \theta_f x\| \\ &= \delta \|\theta_g x\| + \|\theta_\tau (\theta_f x - P_M \theta_f x)\| = \delta \|\theta_g x\| + \|\theta_f x - P_M \theta_f x\| \\ &\leq \delta \|\theta_g x\| + \varepsilon \|\theta_f x\| = \delta \|x\| + \varepsilon \|x\| = (\delta + \varepsilon) \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Using triangle inequality and the fact that  $\theta_f$  is an invertible isometry we then get

$$\max\{1 - \varepsilon - \delta, 0\} \leq \|W\|. \quad (8)$$

Using Inequalities (7) and (8) we get

$$\max\{1 - \varepsilon - \delta, 0\} \leq \left( \max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)| \right) o(M)^{\frac{1}{q}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

□

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $\{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n$  and  $\{\omega_j\}_{j=1}^n$  be two orthonormal bases for a finite dimensional Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Set

$$\theta_\tau : \mathcal{H} \ni h \mapsto (\langle h, \tau_j \rangle)_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{C}^n, \quad \theta_\omega : \mathcal{H} \ni h \mapsto (\langle h, \omega_j \rangle)_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

If  $h \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$  is such that  $\theta_\tau h$  is  $\varepsilon$ -supported on  $M \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $\theta_\omega h$  is  $\delta$ -supported on  $N \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then

$$o(M)o(N) \geq \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |\langle \tau_j, \omega_k \rangle|^2} (1 - \varepsilon - \delta)^2.$$

In particular, Theorem 1.3 follows from Theorem 2.4.

*Proof.* Define

$$f_j : \mathcal{H} \ni h \mapsto \langle h, \tau_j \rangle \in \mathbb{K}; \quad g_j : \mathcal{H} \ni h \mapsto \langle h, \omega_j \rangle \in \mathbb{K}, \quad \forall 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

Then  $p = q = 2$  and  $|f_j(\omega_k)| = |\langle \omega_k, \tau_j \rangle|$  for all  $1 \leq j, k \leq n$ . Theorem 1.3 follows by taking  $\{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n$  as the standard basis and  $\{\omega_j\}_{j=1}^n$  as the Fourier basis for  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . □

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $(\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n)$  and  $(\{g_k\}_{k=1}^n, \{\omega_k\}_{k=1}^n)$  be two  $p$ -orthonormal bases for a finite dimensional Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ . Let  $x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{0\}$  is such that  $\theta_f x$  is  $\varepsilon$ -supported on  $M \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  w.r.t.  $p$ -norm and  $\theta_g x$  is  $\delta$ -supported on  $N \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  w.r.t.  $p$ -norm. If  $\varepsilon + \delta \leq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} o(M)^{\frac{1}{p}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{q}} &\geq \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)|} (1 - \varepsilon - \delta), \\ o(M)^{\frac{1}{q}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{p}} &\geq \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)|} (1 - \varepsilon - \delta). \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $(\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n)$  and  $(\{g_k\}_{k=1}^n, \{\omega_k\}_{k=1}^n)$  be two  $p$ -orthonormal bases for a finite dimensional Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{0\}$  is such that  $\theta_{fx}$  is 0-supported on  $M \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  w.r.t.  $p$ -norm and  $\theta_{gx}$  is 0-supported on  $N \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  w.r.t.  $p$ -norm (saying differently,  $\theta_{fx}$  is supported on  $M$  and  $\theta_{gx}$  is supported on  $N$ ), then

$$o(M)^{\frac{1}{p}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |f_j(\omega_k)|}, \quad o(M)^{\frac{1}{q}} o(N)^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j, k \leq n} |g_k(\tau_j)|}.$$

Corollary 2.7 is not the Theorem 2.3 in [2] (it is a particular case) because Theorem 2.3 in [2] is derived for  $p$ -Schauder frames which is general than  $p$ -orthonormal bases. Theorem 2.4 promotes the following question.

**Question 2.8.** Given  $p$  and a Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$  of dimension  $n$ , for which pairs of  $p$ -orthonormal bases  $(\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n)$ ,  $(\{g_k\}_{k=1}^n, \{\omega_k\}_{k=1}^n)$  for  $\mathcal{X}$ , subsets  $M, N$  and  $\varepsilon, \delta$ , we have equality in Inequalities (3) and (4)?

Observe that we used  $1 < p < \infty$  in the proof of Theorem 2.4. Therefore we have the following problem.

**Question 2.9.** Whether there are Functional Donoho-Stark Approximate Support Uncertainty Principle (versions of Theorem 2.4) for 1-orthonormal bases and  $\infty$ -orthonormal bases?

Keeping  $\ell^p$ -spaces for  $0 < p < 1$  as a model space equipped with

$$\|(a_j)_{j=1}^n\|_p := \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^p, \quad \forall (a_j)_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{K}^n,$$

we set following definitions.

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{K}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{X}$  is a **disc-Banach space** if there exists a map called as **disc-norm**  $\|\cdot\| : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions.

- (i) If  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  is such that  $\|x\| = 0$ , then  $x = 0$ .
- (ii)  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ .
- (iii)  $\|\lambda x\| \leq |\lambda| \|x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  with  $|\lambda| \geq 1$ .
- (iv)  $\|\lambda x\| \geq |\lambda| \|x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  with  $|\lambda| \leq 1$ .
- (v)  $\mathcal{X}$  is complete w.r.t. the metric  $d(x, y) := \|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ .

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a finite dimensional disc-Banach space over  $\mathbb{K}$ . Let  $\{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n$  be a basis for  $\mathcal{X}$  and let  $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n$  be the coordinate functionals associated with  $\{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n$ . The pair  $(\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{\tau_j\}_{j=1}^n)$  is said to be a  **$p$ -orthonormal basis** ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) for  $\mathcal{X}$  if the following conditions hold.

- (i)  $\|f_j\| = \|\tau_j\| = 1$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .
- (ii) For every  $(a_j)_{j=1}^n \in \mathbb{K}^n$ ,

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \tau_j \right\| = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^p.$$

Then we also have the following question.

**Question 2.12.** Whether there are versions of Theorem 2.4 for  $p$ -orthonormal bases  $0 < p < 1$ ?

We wish to mention that in [2] the functional uncertainty principle was derived for  $p$ -Schauder frames which is general than  $p$ -orthonormal bases. Thus it is desirable to derive Theorem 2.4 or a variation of it for  $p$ -Schauder frames, which we can't.

We end by asking the following curious question whose motivation is the recently proved Balian-Low theorem (which is also an uncertainty principle) for Gabor systems in finite dimensional Hilbert spaces [5–7].

**Question 2.13.** *Whether there is a Functional Balian-Low Theorem (which we like to call Functional Balian-Low-Lammers-Stampe-Nitzan-Olsen Theorem) for Gabor-Schauder systems in finite dimensional Banach spaces (Gabor-Schauder system is as defined in [4])?*

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