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Modulation Frames and Infinite Symmetric Matrices.

Let H be a separable Hilbert space. A set $\{f : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset H$ is a frame for H if there exist constants A, B > 0 such that for all $f \in H$,

$$A \|f\|_{H}^{2} \le \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\langle f, f_{k} \rangle|^{2} \le B \|f\|_{H}^{2}.$$

In this paper, we introduce modulation frames, which consist of modulates of functions in $L_2(\mathbb{R})$. We characterize these frames using infinite symmetric matrices. Theses matrices can be used to generalize the relationship between Weyl-Heisenberg frames and infinite quadratic forms. (Received July 24, 2009)