Transform Methods & Signal Processing lecture 10

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Wavelet Filters

The previous Wavelet transforms (even the discrete Wavelet transform) are transforms of continuous functions. In this section we consider the natural approach for applying wavelets to discrete signals, which we give the name Wavelet Filters.

Discrete wavelet filters (DWF)

Previous lecture

- continuous wavelet transform maps functions $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ to a new function $W_f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$
- discrete wavelet transform maps the same function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ to a function on the dyadic grid. But its still a transform of a function of a continuous space.
- for signal processing the signals are functions on a discrete space
- we need to have the equivalent of a DFT
 - we will call this the DWF to avoid confusing with the DWT
 - also need fast computation methods

Continuous to discrete

Discrete Wavelet Transform of f(t)

$$W_f(u,s) = \langle f, \psi_{u,s} \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \psi^* \left(\frac{t-u}{s}\right) dt$$

DWT takes integer scales $s = 2^{j}$, and translations $u = 2^{j}n$, so basis functions are $\psi_{n,j}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{j}}} \psi\left(\frac{t}{2^{j}} - n\right)$

We get a discrete version of this by sampling the orthogonal basis functions at scale *j* to get

$$W_f(n,j) = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} f(m) \psi_j^*(m-n)$$

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Continuous to discrete

Wavelet Reconstruction (synthesis), is the same for both DWT and DWF

$$f = \sum_{j} \sum_{n} \langle f, \psi_{n,j} \rangle \psi_{n,j}$$

however, the inner products are different in each case \blacksquare DWT

$$\langle f, \Psi_{u,s} \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \Psi^* \left(\frac{t-u}{s}\right) dt$$

for $s = 2^j$ and $u = n2^j$ **DWF**

$$\langle f, \Psi_{n,j} \rangle = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} f(m) \Psi_j^*(m-n)$$

Wavelets as convolution

Ignoring the edges (or doing a circular convolution)

$$\langle f, \Psi_{n,j}
angle = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} f(m) \Psi_j^*(m-n)$$

= $[f * \overline{\Psi}_j](n)$

where we define

$$\bar{\Psi}_j(n) = \Psi_j^*(-n)$$

i.e. a time reversal (and complex conjugate where needed) of the filter.

How to get wavelet filter: sampling

Start with mother wavelet $\psi(t)$ with support [0, K]

• form wavelets (for n = 0) at each octave by

$$\Psi_{0,j}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^j}} \Psi\left(\frac{t}{2^j}\right)$$

support of wavelet at octave j is [0,2^jK]
 sample at unit intervals (i.e., f_s = 1)

$$\Psi_j(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^j}} \Psi\left(\frac{n}{2^j}\right)$$

Iength of filter
$$\psi_j$$
 is $2^j K$

Possible range of scales

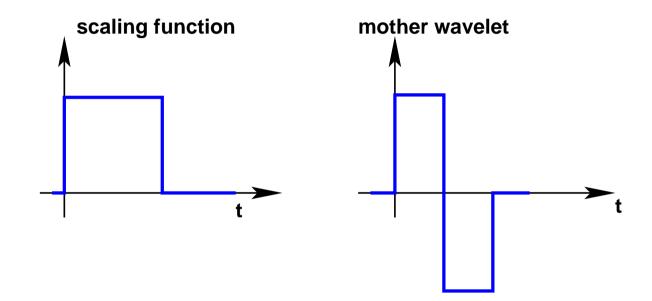
Continuous signal f(t), for $t \in [0,T]$

- **sample at times** t = n/N for n = 0, 1..., TN
- sampling interval $t_s = 1/N$
- **sampling frequency** $f_s = N$

results in discrete signal x(n)

- **possible scales for approximation** $N^{-1} \le s \le T$
- For our purposes here
 - choose T = N 1, so $t \in [0, N 1]$
 - also take $f_s = 1$
 - sample at times t = n for n = 0, 1..., N-1
 - **possible scales for approximation** $1 \le s \le N$

The Haar wavelet and scaling function are shown below



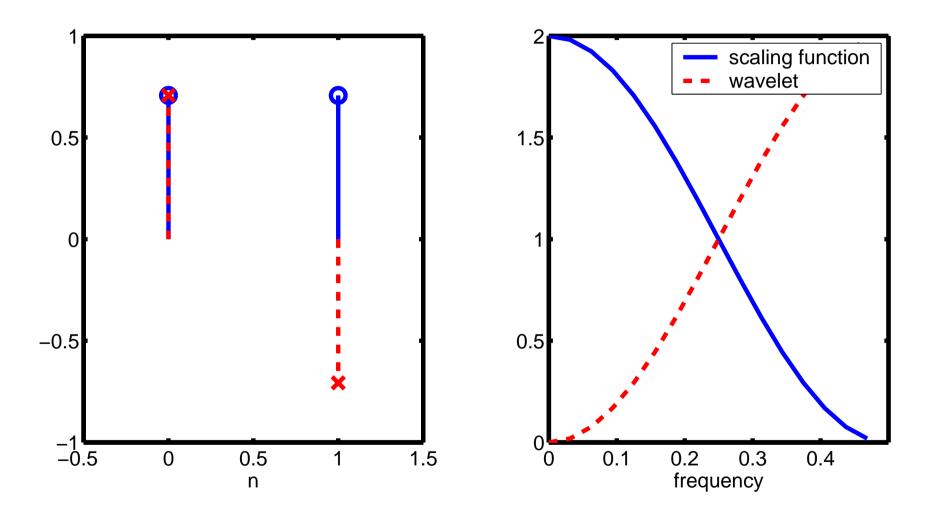
They have support [0,1], so at octave j = 1 we sample at 2 points, to get

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \psi_1(0) &=& \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^1}} \psi(0) &=& 1/\sqrt{2} \\ \psi_1(1) &=& \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^1}} \psi(1) &=& -1/\sqrt{2} \end{array}$$

and a similar result for the scaling function.

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j = 1



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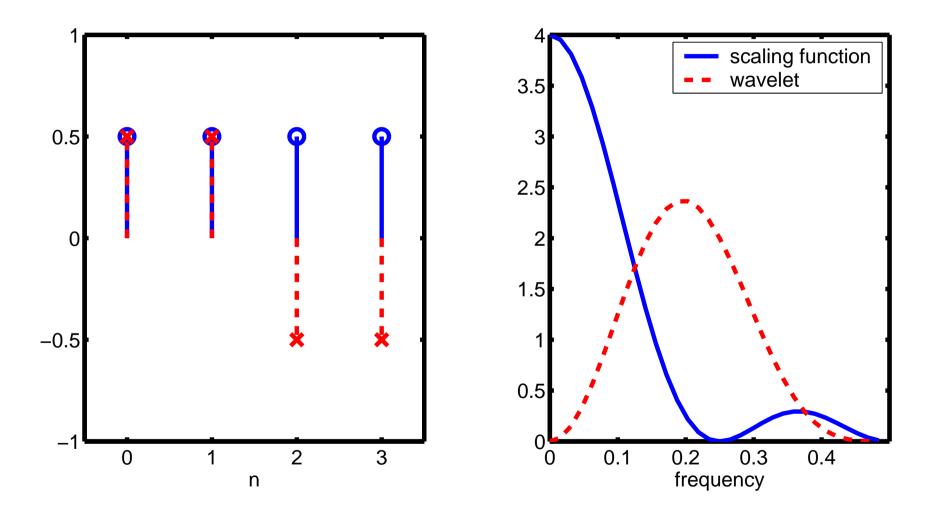
At octave j = 2 we sample at 2^2 points, to get

$$\begin{split} \psi_2(0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} \psi(0) &= 1/2 \\ \psi_2(1) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} \psi(1/4) &= 1/2 \\ \psi_2(2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} \psi(1/2) &= -1/2 \\ \psi_2(3) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} \psi(3/4) &= -1/2 \end{split}$$

and a similar result for the scaling function.

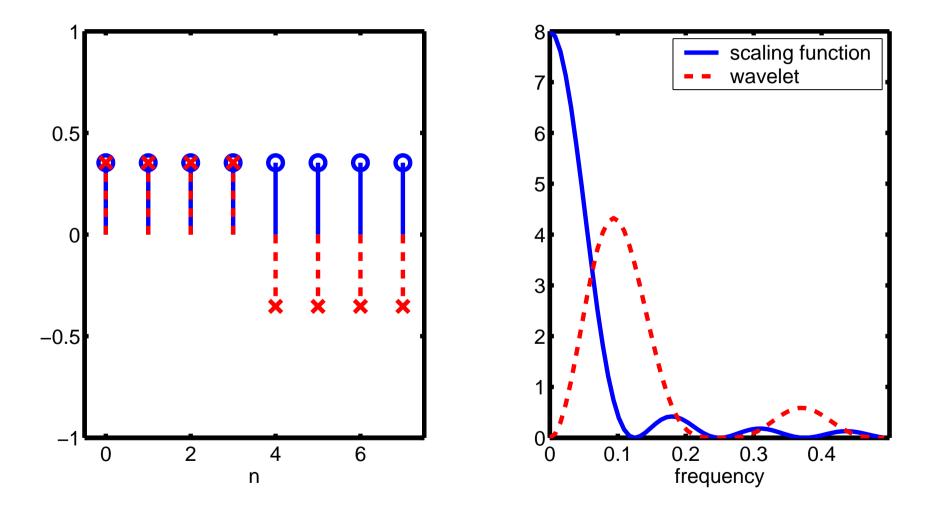
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j = 2



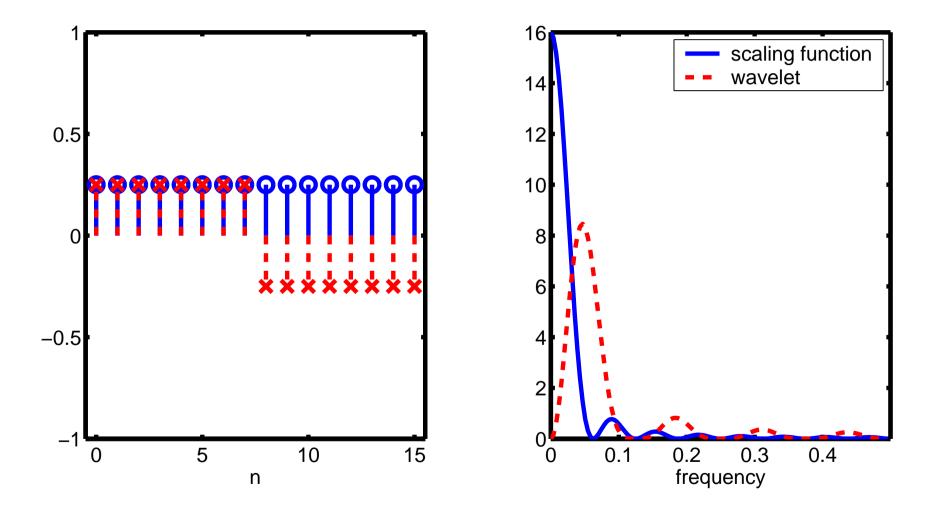
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Similarly j = 3



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Similarly j = 4



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Discrete wavelet filters (DWF)

Ignoring edge effects (implies signal periodicity) the wavelet transform becomes

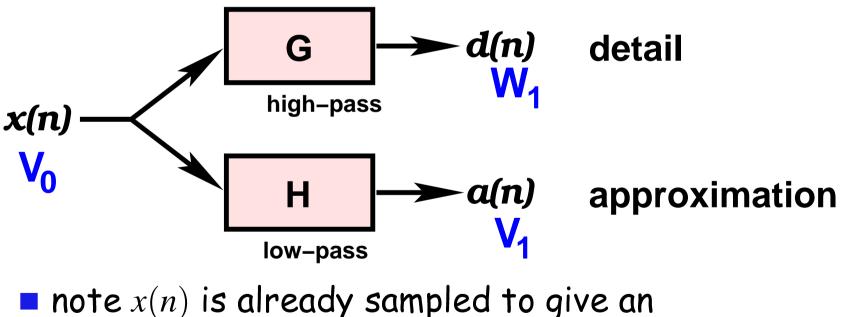
$$W_f(n, 2^j) = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} f(m) \psi_j^*(m-n) = [f * \bar{\psi}_j](n)$$

We can do the same with the scaling functions.

- compute in time or frequency domain
 - direct calculation at scale j takes $O(NK2^j)$
 - FFT calculation at scale j takes $O(N \log N)$
- Neither is particular efficient.
- Also need to compute across $O(\log_2(N))$ scales.

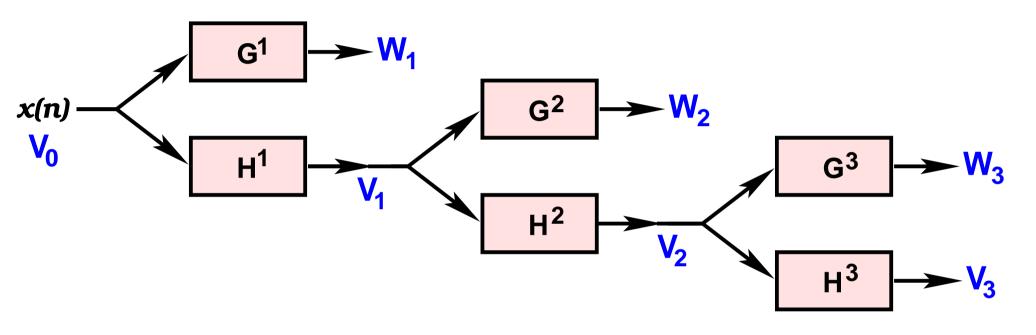
Use the fact we can break into approximation and detail

- get approximation using scaling filter H
- get details from wavelet filter G



approximation of the original function.

Now use successive approximation

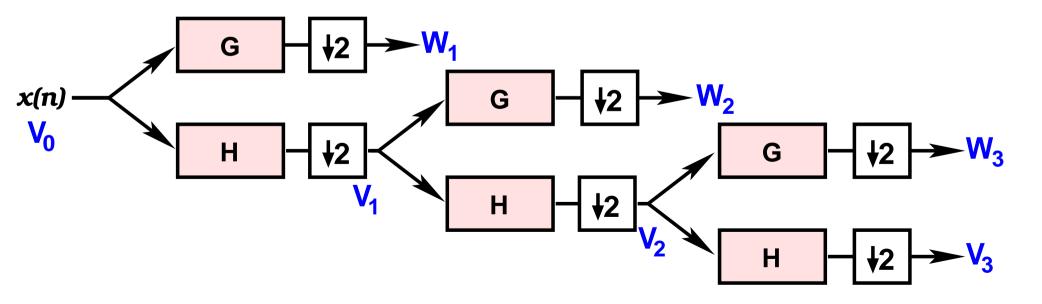


note though, different filters at each level

still O(log(N)) levels of filters, so calculations are O(KNlog(N))

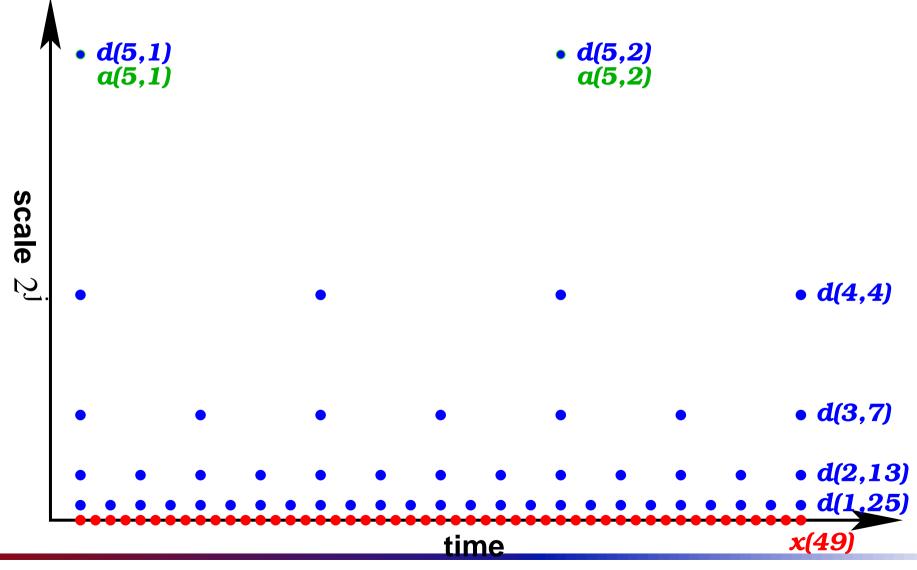
- there is redundancy
 - coarse approximations have been low-passed, so we could reduce the sample rate (dyadic grid)
 - use conjugate mirror filters, and we get exact reconstruction even with downsampling by 2

• thanks to downsampling, computation is O(NK)



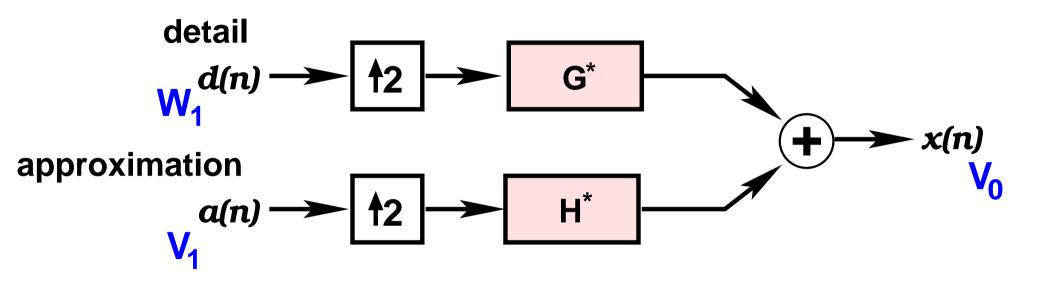
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Downsampling automatically results in dyadic grid.



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Reconstruction just reverses the process



Even use the same filters (for orthonormal wavelets).

Writing out in full, including downsampling:

$$a_j(n) = \langle f, \phi_{n,j} \rangle$$
 and $d_j(n) = \langle f, \psi_{n,j} \rangle$

Decomposition

$$a_{j+1}(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h(m-2n)a_j(m) = [a_j * \bar{h}] (2n)$$

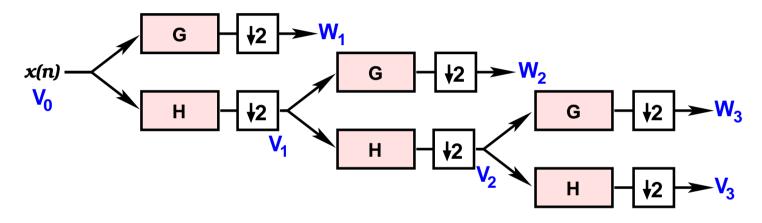
$$d_{j+1}(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} g(m-2n)a_j(m) = [a_j * \bar{g}] (2n)$$

Reconstruction

$$a_j(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h(n-2m)a_{j+1}(m) + \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} g(n-2m)d_{j+1}(m)$$

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Example: Find the Haar wavelet coefficients on the dyadic grid (at octaves j = 1, 2 and 3) for a signal (0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0).



The G and H blocks refer to convolution with the discrete filters, which for the Haar wavelets are

$$h = (1,1)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$g = (1,-1)/\sqrt{2}$$
The $\downarrow 2$ blocks refer to downsampling.

So we need to compute convolutions of the form:

$$x * g \downarrow 2 = \sum_{m = -\infty}^{\infty} h(m - 2n)x(m)$$
$$x * h \downarrow 2 = \sum_{m = -\infty}^{\infty} g(m - 2n)x(m)$$

The first term is the wavelet details $d_1(n)$, and the second term is the approximation $a_1(n)$ (at octave j = 1), i.e.

$$a_1(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h(m-2n)x(m)$$
$$d_1(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} g(m-2n)x(m)$$

To simplifying the computations, we shall ignore scaling factor of $\sqrt{2}$ until the end. So h(0) = 1 and h(1) = 1, and

$$a_{1}(0) = h(0)x(0) + h(1)x(1) = x(0) + x(1) = 0$$

$$a_{1}(1) = h(0)x(2) + h(1)x(3) = 0$$

$$a_{1}(2) = h(0)x(4) + h(1)x(5) = 2$$

$$a_{1}(3) = h(0)x(6) + h(1)x(7) = 2$$

$$a_{1}(4) = h(0)x(8) + h(1)x(9) = 0$$

$$a_{1}(5) = h(0)x(10) + h(1)x(11) = 0$$

$$a_{1}(6) = h(0)x(12) + h(1)x(13) = 2$$

$$a_{1}(7) = h(0)x(14) + h(1)x(15) = 0$$

So $a_1 = (0, 0, 2, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0)$. Notice there are half as many terms as the original signal because of the $\downarrow 2$.

Similarly
$$g(0) = 1$$
 and $g(1) = -1$ so

$$d_{1}(0) = g(0)x(0) + g(1)x(1) = x(0) - x(1) = 0$$

$$d_{1}(1) = g(0)x(2) + g(1)x(3) = 0$$

$$d_{1}(2) = g(0)x(4) + g(1)x(5) = 0$$

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$$d_{1}(4) = g(0)x(8) + g(1)x(9) = 0$$

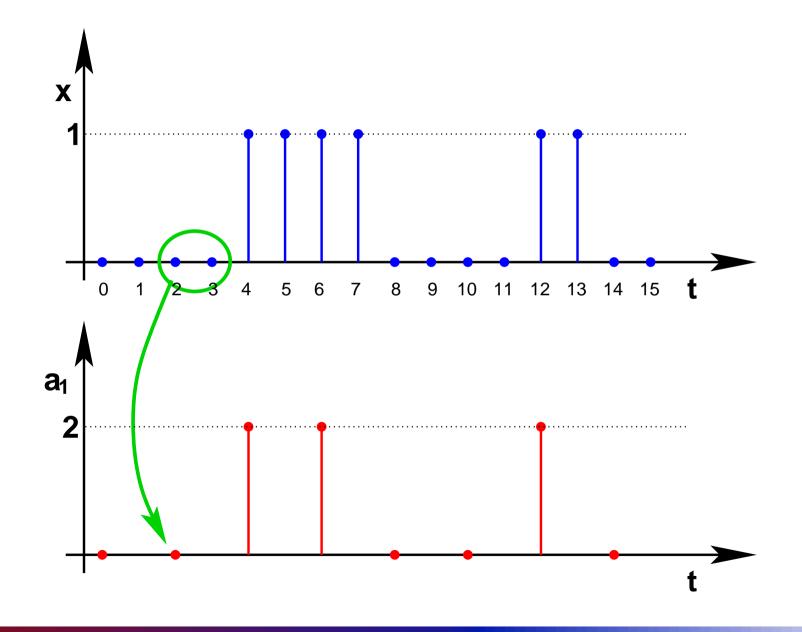
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So $d_j = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$, so the approximation at octave 1 is perfect (which we could see from the signal).



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Given the pyramidal structure, we can iterate

$$a_{j+1}(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h(m-2n)a_j(m) = [a_j * \bar{h}] (2n)$$

$$d_{j+1}(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} g(m-2n)a_j(m) = [a_j * \bar{g}] (2n)$$

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If we use this to compute the second scale approximation we get

$$a_{2}(0) = h(0)a_{1}(0) + h(1)a_{1}(1) = 0$$

$$a_{2}(1) = h(0)a_{1}(2) + h(1)a_{1}(3) = 4$$

$$a_{2}(2) = h(0)a_{1}(4) + h(1)a_{1}(5) = 0$$

$$a_{2}(3) = h(0)a_{1}(6) + h(1)a_{1}(7) = 2$$

$$d_2(0) = g(0)a_1(0) + g(1)a_1(1) = 0$$

$$d_2(1) = g(0)a_1(2) + g(1)a_1(3) = 0$$

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So $a_2 = (0, 4, 0, 2)$ and $d_2 = (0, 0, 0, 2)$.

We repeat to get the next higher scale.

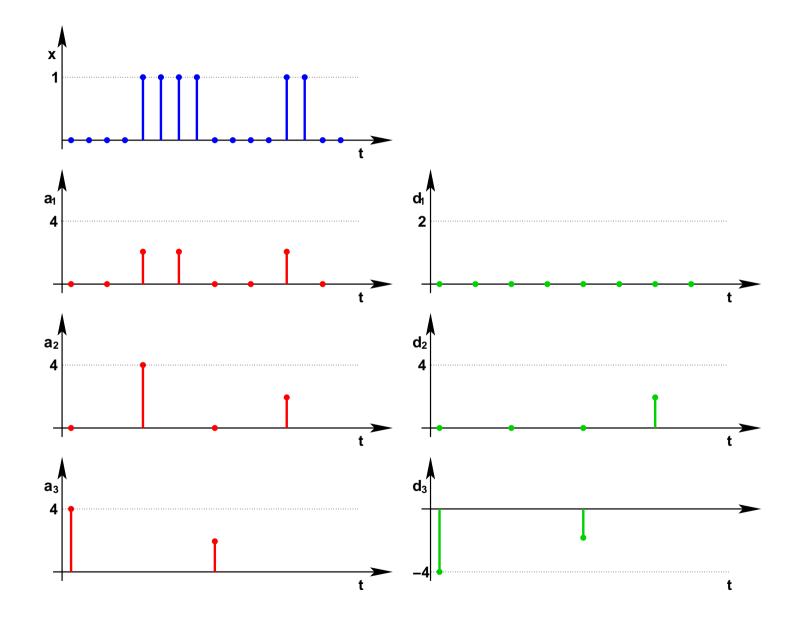
$$a_{3}(0) = h(0)a_{2}(0) + h(1)a_{2}(1)$$

= $a_{2}(0) + a_{2}(1)$
= 4
 $a_{3}(1) = h(0)a_{2}(2) + h(1)a_{2}(3) = 2$

$$d_{3}(0) = g(0)a_{2}(0) + g(1)a_{2}(1)$$

= $a_{2}(0) - a_{2}(1)$
= -4
 $d_{3}(1) = g(0)a_{2}(2) + g(1)a_{2}(3) = -2$

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The MRA up to octave 3 (based on the Haar wavelets) including the $\sqrt{2}$ factors is therefore given by $\{a_3, d_1, d_2, d_3\}$ where these are

$$a_{3} = (4,2)/2^{3/2}$$

$$= (\sqrt{2},1/\sqrt{2})$$

$$d_{3} = (0,-2)/2^{3/2}$$

$$= (-2/\sqrt{2},-1/\sqrt{2})$$

$$d_{2} = (0,0,0,2)/2$$

$$= (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$= (0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0)/\sqrt{2}$$

Representation

We can represent (without loss of information or redundancy) the octave L approximation of a signal x(n) by $\{\{d_j\}_{L < j \le J}, a_J\}$.

- we don't have to go all the way with the transform.
- only need to get the details at scales $2^L < 2^j \le 2^J$ along with approximation at scale J.

Initialization

Want to associate x(n) the sampled signal with an approximation for the signal f(t) at some scale 2^{L} .

- **sampling interval is** N^{-1}
- Initial scale $2^L = N^{-1}$
- need to compute $a_L(n) = \langle f, \phi_{n,L} \rangle$ from x(n) = f(n/N)

Mallat, pp. 257-258, if f is regular

$$a_L(n) = N^{-1/2} x(n)$$

essentially, we are already supposed to have band-passed the signal before sampling.

Deriving the filters directly

Property 1 of MRA: $V_{j+1} \subset V_j$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ must apply to basis functions, so $\phi_{0,j+1} \in V_j$, and can therefore be written as a linear combination of the basis functions of V_j , i.e.

$$\phi_{0,j+1}(t) = \sum_{n} h(n)\phi_{n,j}(t)$$

with $h(n) = \langle \phi_{0,j+1}, \phi_{n,j} \rangle$. Take the case with j = 0, then this implies

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) = \sum_{n} h(n)\phi(t-n) = [h*\phi](t)$$

The relationship defines a filter $h(n) = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \phi\left(\frac{t}{2}\right), \phi(t-n) \right\rangle$ for the scaling function ϕ (similar to derivation of relation between ϕ and ψ)

Example: Haar

$$h(n) = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \phi\left(\frac{t}{2}\right), \phi(t-n) \right\rangle$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \phi(t-n) dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{0}^{2} \phi(t-n) dt$$
$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1/\sqrt{2} & \text{if } n = 0, 1\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

And we can perform a similar calculation to get the wavelet filter.

$$g(0) = 1/\sqrt{2}$$
 and $g(1) = -1/\sqrt{2}$

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Finite signals

Methods to deal with edge effects

- zero padding
- assume periodic signal (do circular convolution)
- Boundary wavelets vanish at the boundary

Haar

simple two tap filters

Scaling filter is just $h = [1,1]/\sqrt{2}$.

• Wavelet filter is just $g = [1, -1]/\sqrt{2}$.

- only linear phase (symmetric) wavelet with compact support
- filters don't have very good transitions, or stop-band attenuation
- can we design better wavelet filters

Filter properties

Similar to windows, there are many properties, and tradeoffs between different types of wavelet filters

- support
 - compact
 - size
 - number of taps
- transition region, stop band, and roll off
- vanishing moments
- regularity
- real or complex
- linear phase (symmetric)

Vanishing moments

A wavelet has p vanishing moments if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^k \Psi(t) \, dt = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 \le k < p$$

This means that $\psi(t)$ will be orthogonal to any polynomial of order p-1.

- first p-1 derivatives of FT are zero at freq = 0
- filter G(z) has p zeros at z = 1 (in the complex plane)
- polynomials (order < p) are dropped by wavelets with p vanishing moments, so we can examine data with polynomial trends, and these won't effect the detail coefficients (the trend will be in the approximation).

Support

See previous notes on windows.

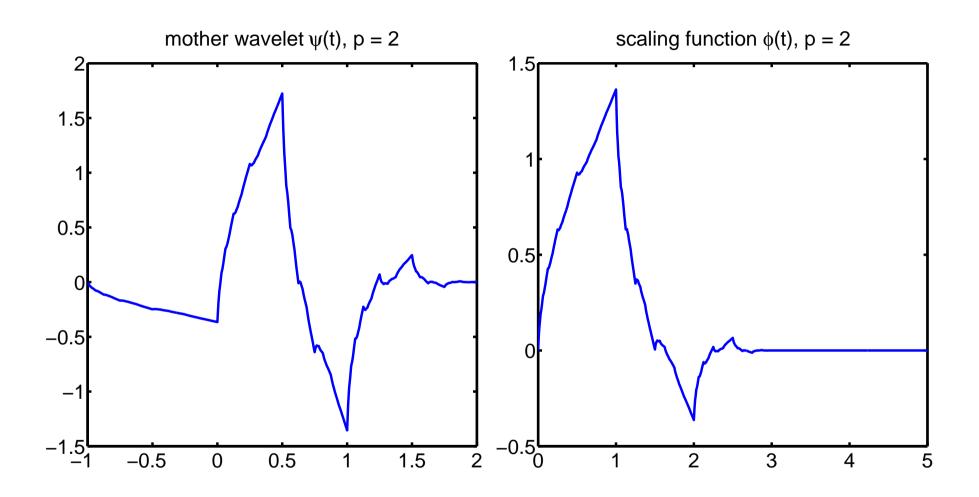
- scaling function \u03c6 has same support as filter h (which is its number of taps)
 - as a result of the previous slide
- Support of scaling function φ is [N₁, N₂] implies
 Wavelet support ψ is [(N₁ N₂ + 1)/2, (N₂ N₁ + 1)/2]
 - same width of support, so filters g and h have same number of taps
- if ψ has p vanishing moments, then it must have support of at least 2p-1
 - minimal for Daubechies wavelets

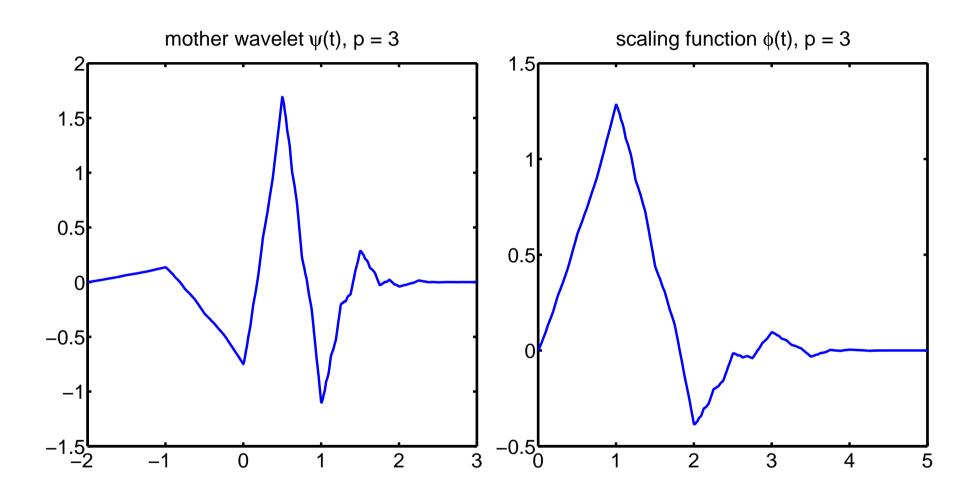
Regularity

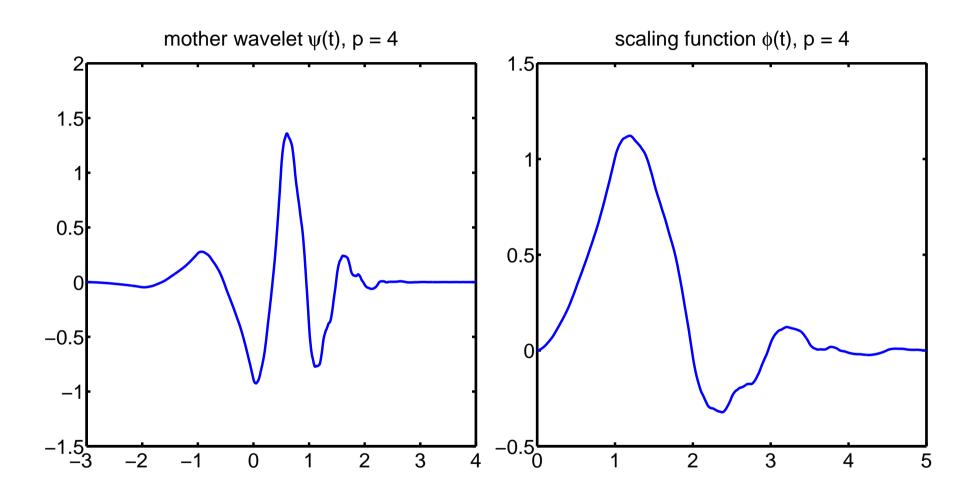
- cosmetic effect on errors from thresholding or quantization
 - induced errors are smoother
- may be important for subjective quality of compressed image
- often increases with p (but not guaranteed)

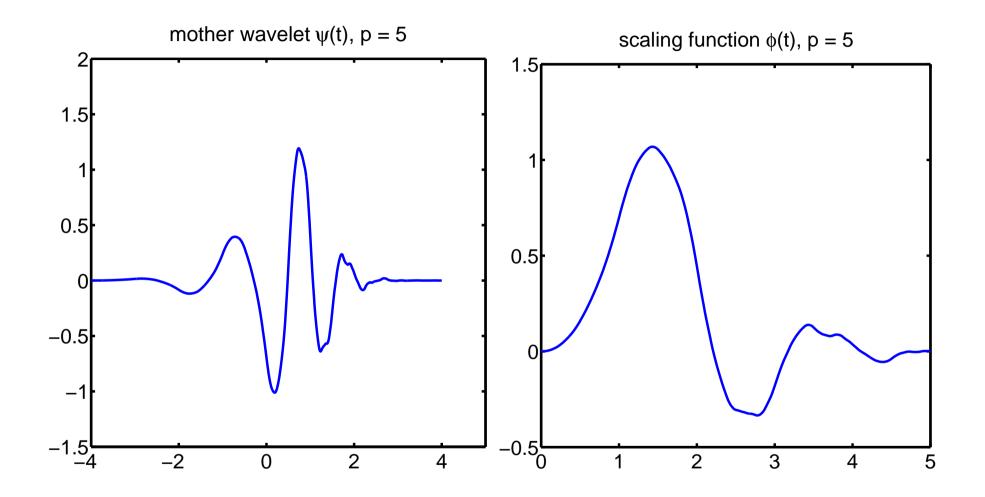
Goal: Minimal support for a given number of vanishing moments p.

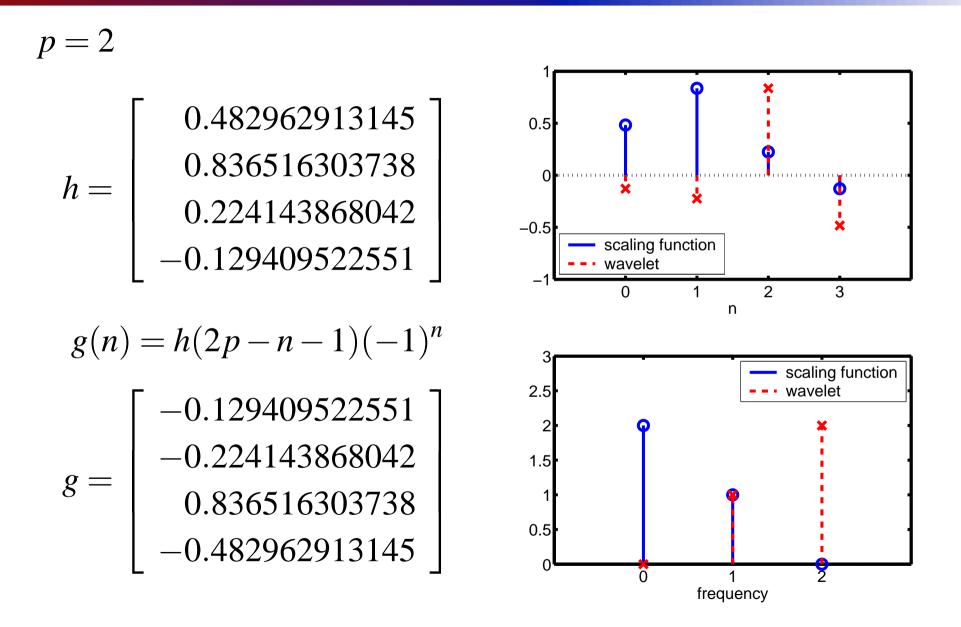
- To ensure p vanishing moments we need to have pzeros at $\omega = \pi$, so z-transform is minimum degree polynomial have p zeros at -1, so should have pfactors of (1+z).
- Real conjugate mirror filters, and normalization impose other requirements.
- results is a popular family of wavelets
 - \blacksquare p = 1 you get the Haar wavelets

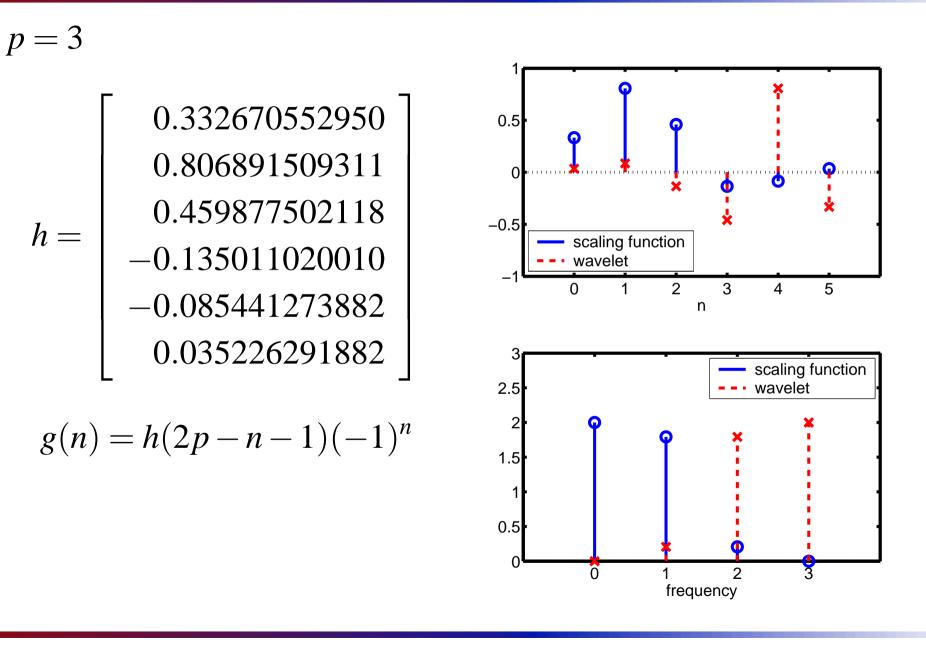


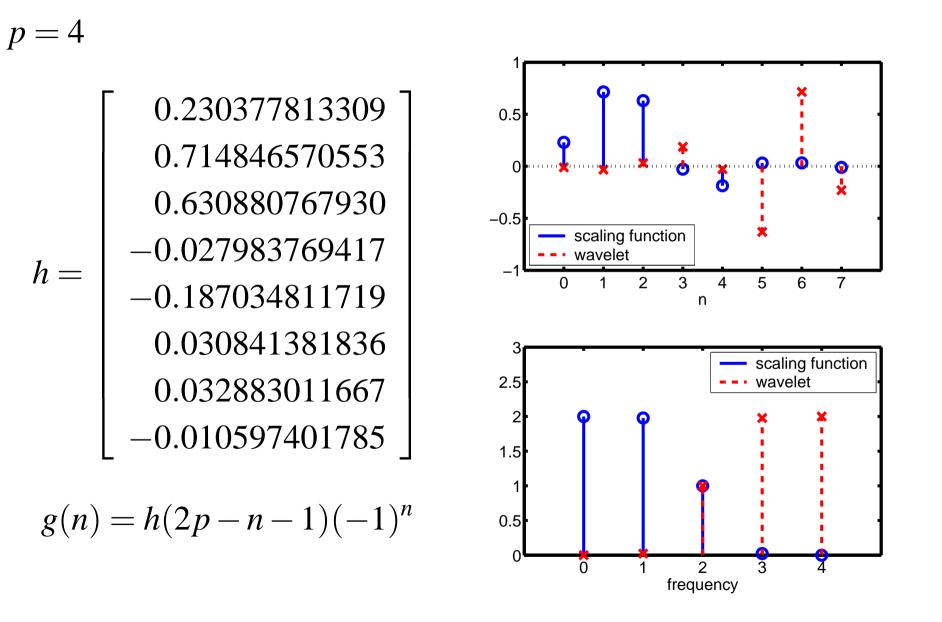


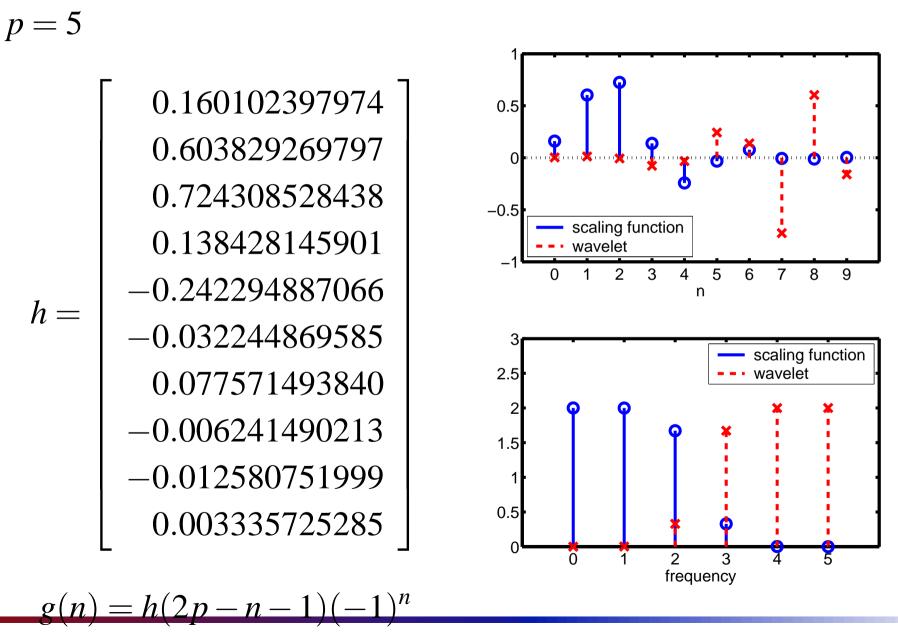


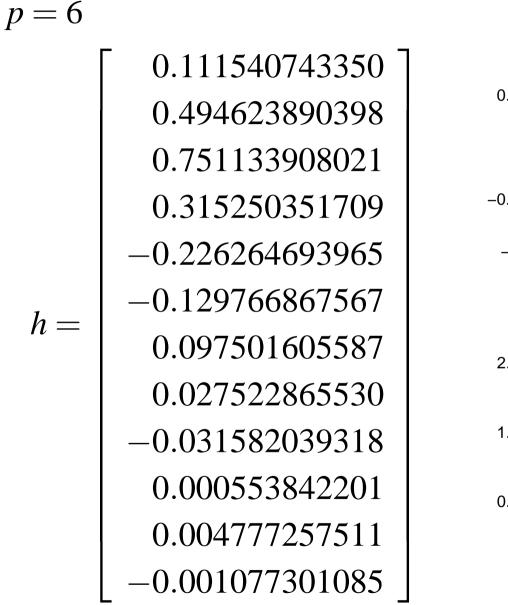


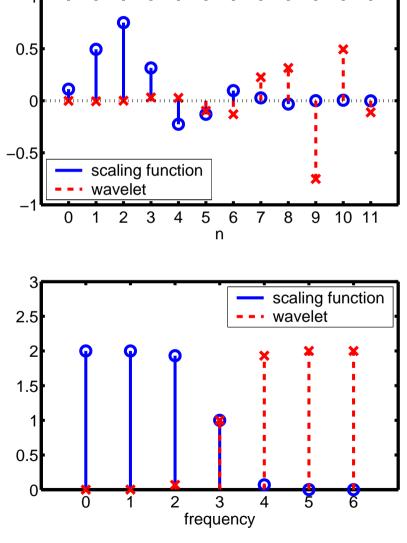


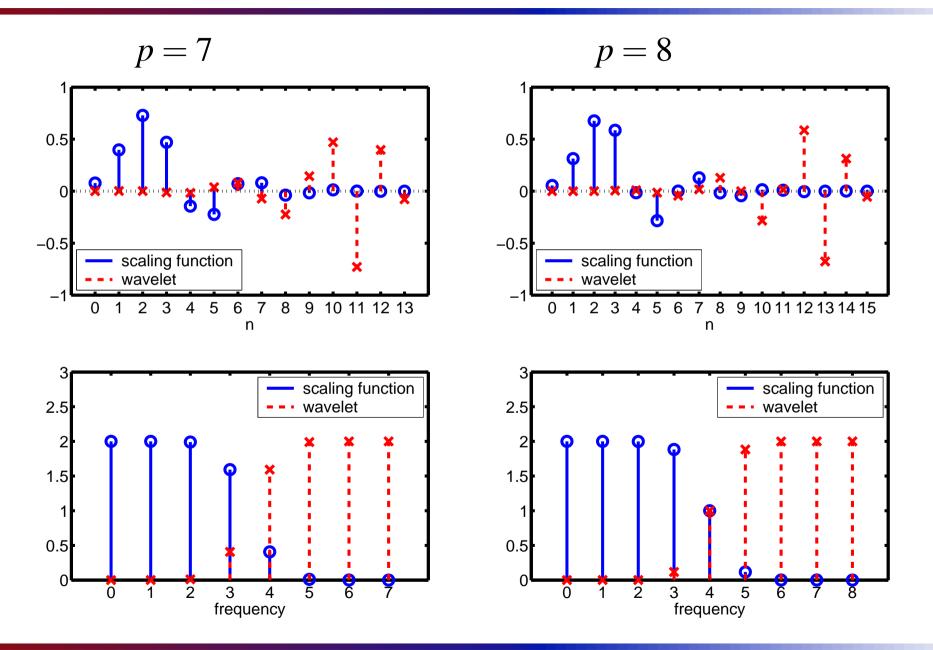


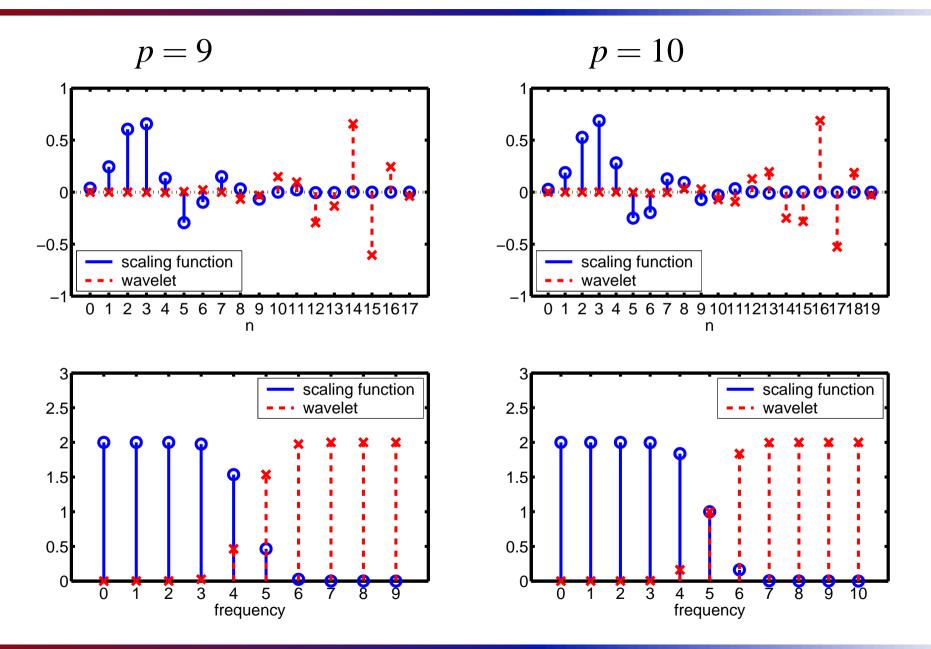






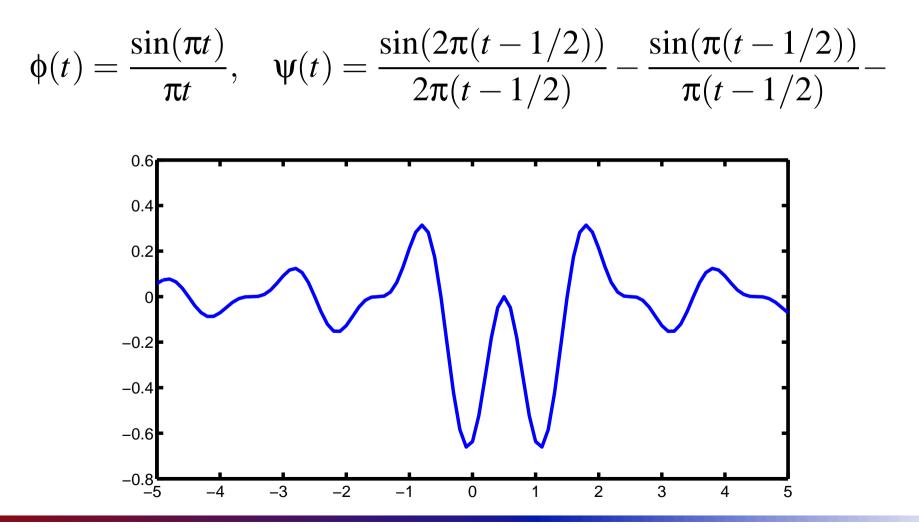






Shannon wavelets

Based on Shannon MRA. Finite support on Fourier domain, so infinite support in time domain.

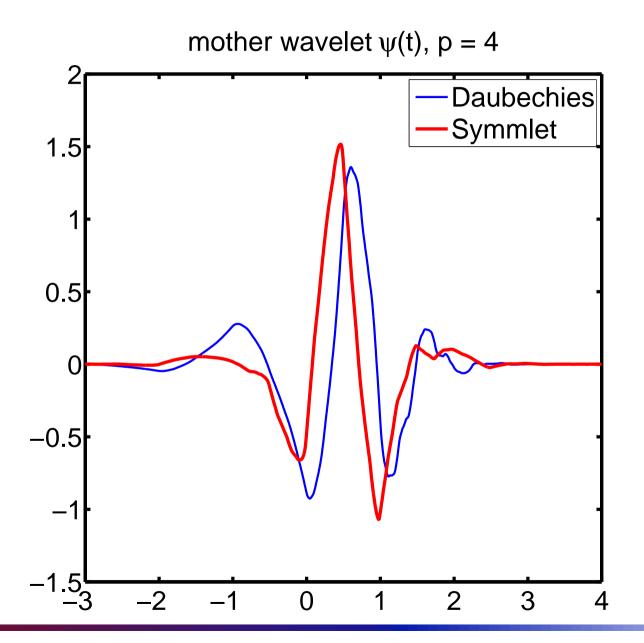


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Other wavelets

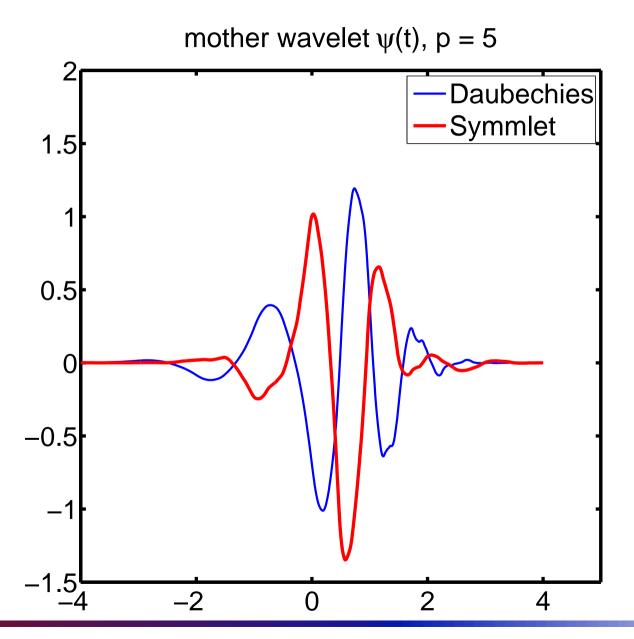
- Meyer wavelets: like Shannon but FT is smoother, so wavelet and scaling function decay faster.
- Battle-Lemarie wavelets: derived from polynomial splines approximations.
- Mexican hat wavelets: second derivative of a Gaussian (also infinite support).
- Daubechies wavelets symmlets
 - Daubechies wavelets highly asymmetric
 - Haar filter is only real, compactly supported filter with linear phase (symmetry)
 - Symmlets are closest you can get to symmetric for p vanishing moments.
 - Also called Daubechies Least Asymmetric wavelets
- Minimum Bandwidth Discrete-Time (Morris and Pervali)
 - improve approximation to ideal band-pass

Symmlets

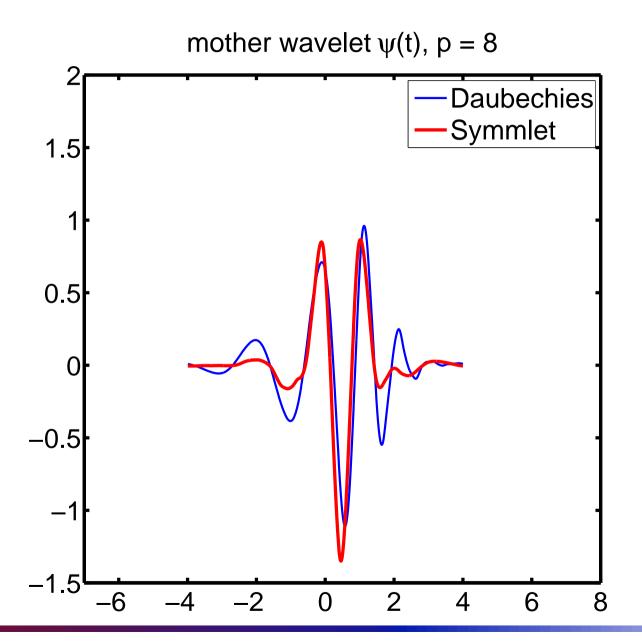


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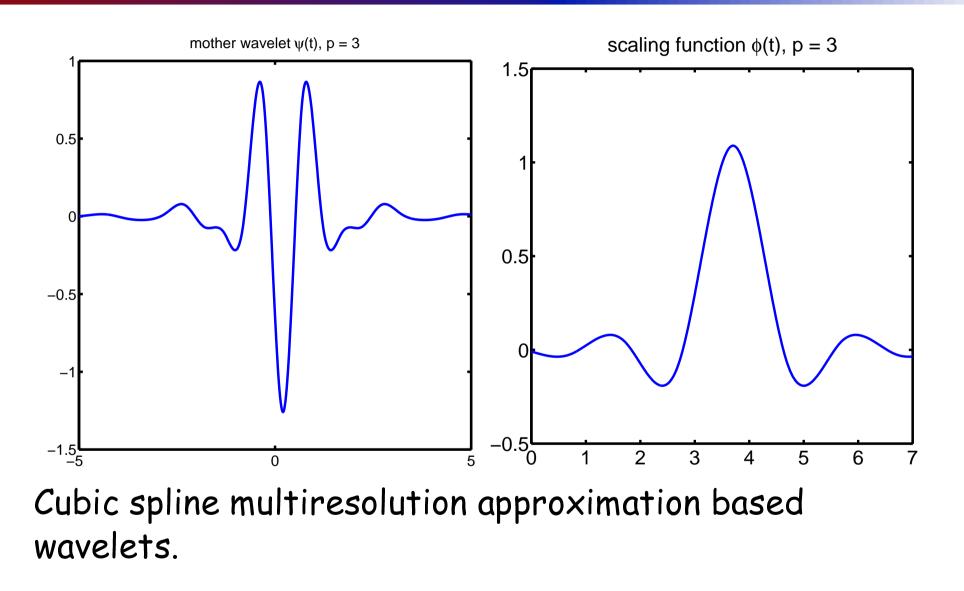


Symmlets



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Battle-Lemarié



Applications

Some applications of Wavelets are image compression and edge detection.

Applications

- edge (and anomaly) detection
- motion detection
- de-noising
- compression,
 - FBI fingerprints
 - JPEG 2000

Tonebursts

Victor Wickerhauser has suggested that sound synthesis is a natural use of wavelets.

- approximate the sound of a musical instrument,
- notes decomposed into wavelet packet coefficients.
- Reproducing the note would then require reloading those coefficients into a wavelet packet generator and playing back the result.
- Transient characteristics such as attack and decay can be controlled separately (for example, with envelope generators), or by using longer wave packets and encoding those properties, as well, into

each note. 📢



De-noising

Transform a signal $\{x(n)\}_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ into wavelet coefficients $\{d(k,j)\}_{k\in\mathbb{Z},1\leq j\leq J}$, and an approximation $\{a(k,j)\}_{k\in\mathbb{Z},j=J}$.

$$d(k,j) = \langle x, \psi_{k,j} \rangle$$

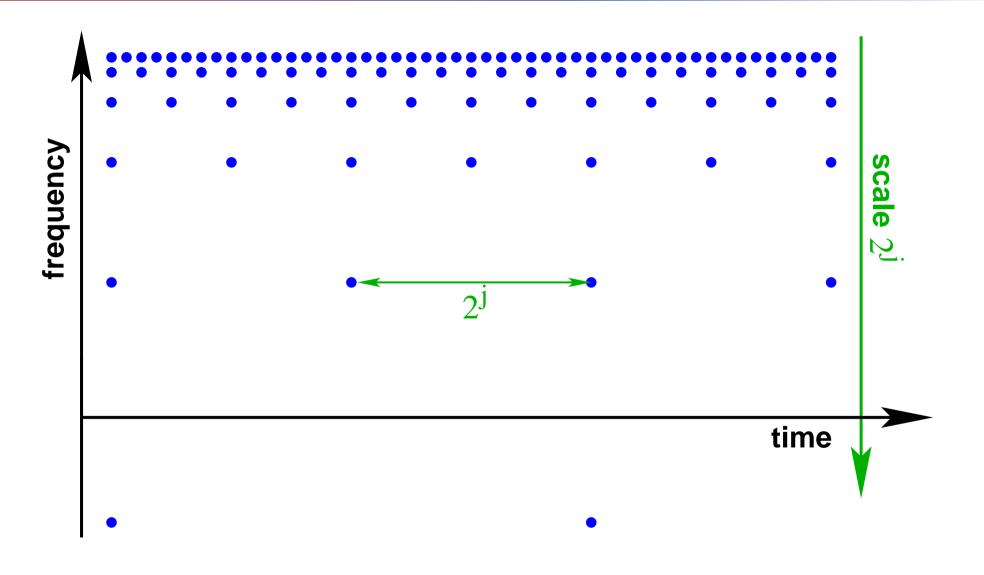
$$a(k,j) = \langle x, \phi_{k,j} \rangle$$

$$\psi_{k,j}(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^j}} \psi \left(2^{-j}n - k \right)$$

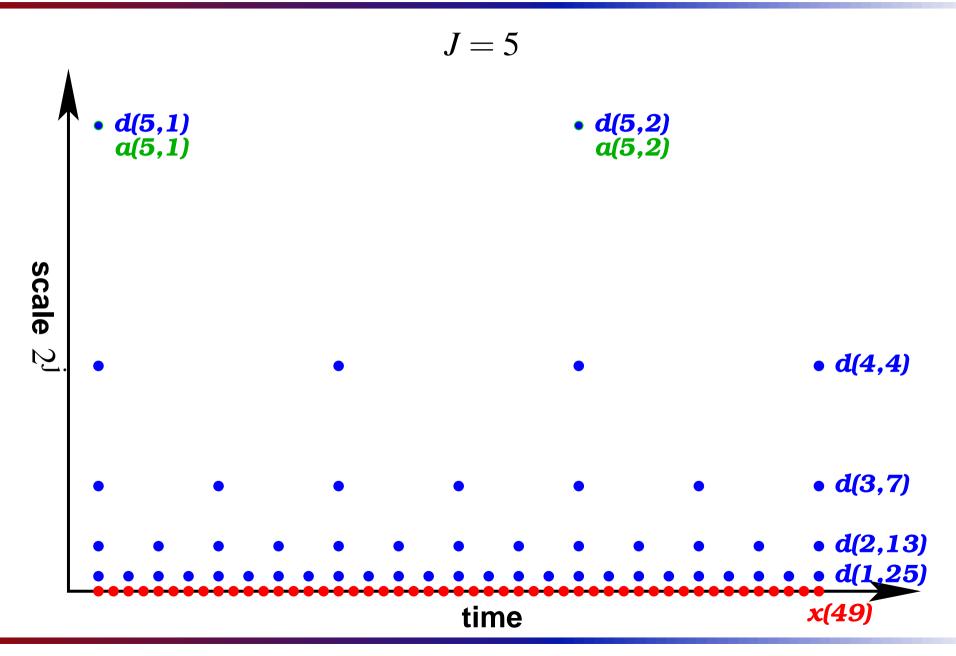
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Sampled on the dyadic grid.

Dyadic grid

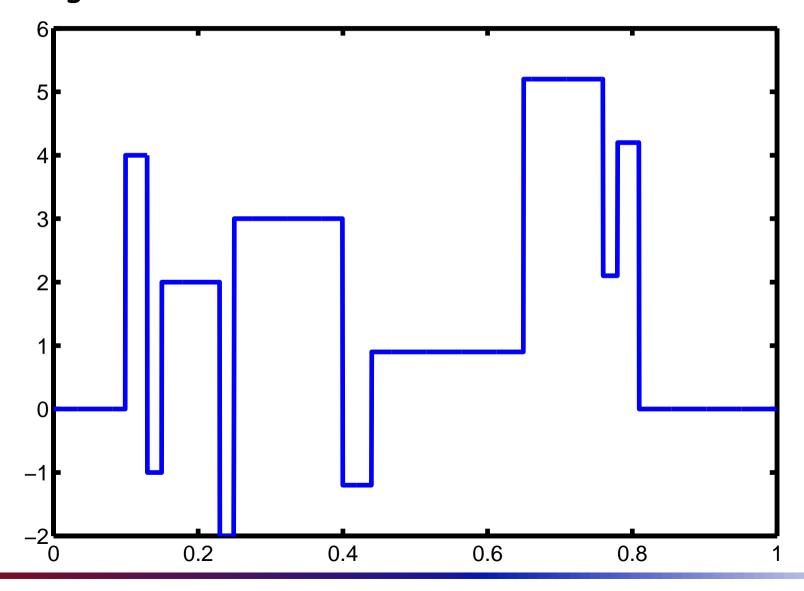


Dyadic grid



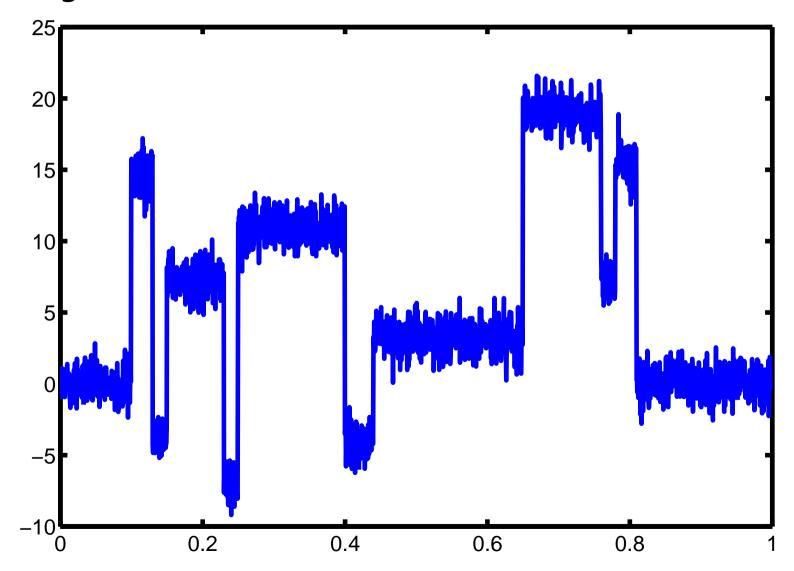
Test signal: Blocks

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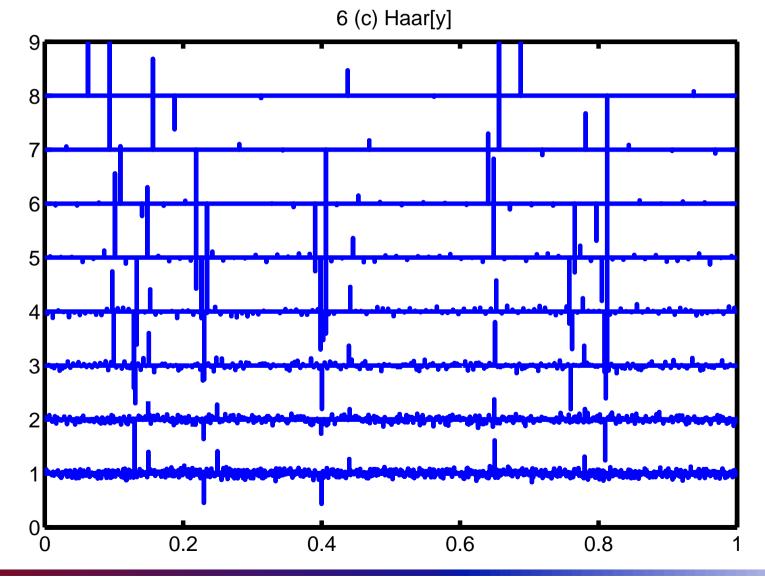
Test signal: Blocks with noise

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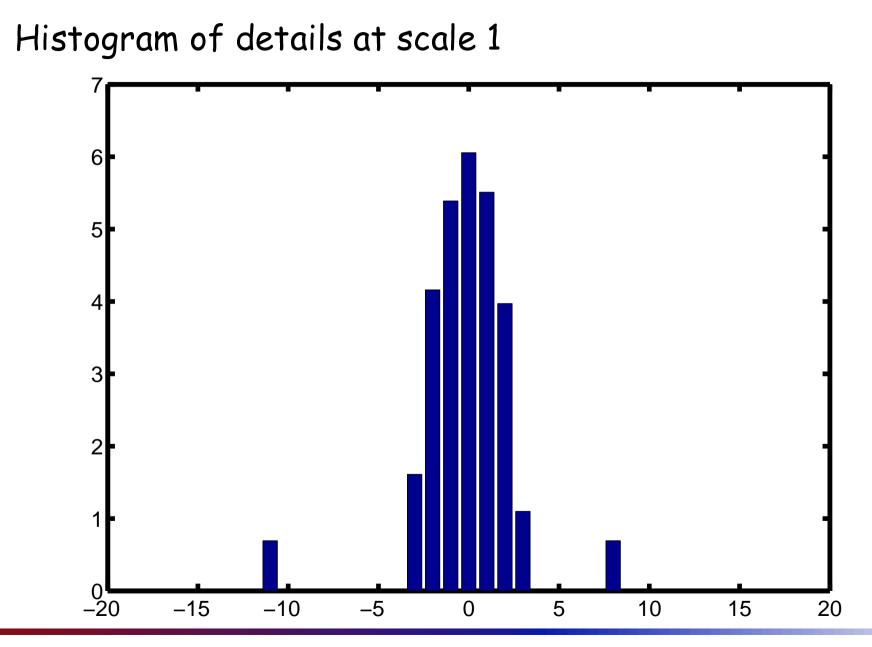


Haar Wavelet transform

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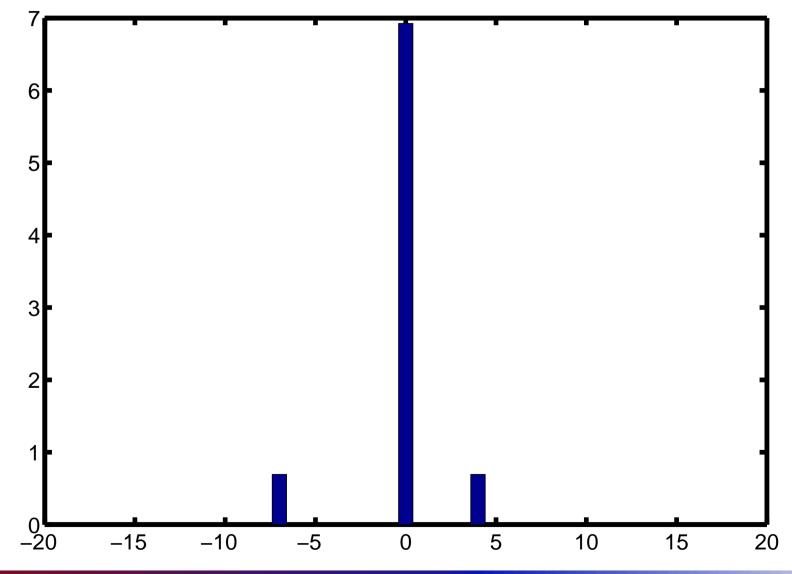
Histogram of details at scale 1



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Thresholded details

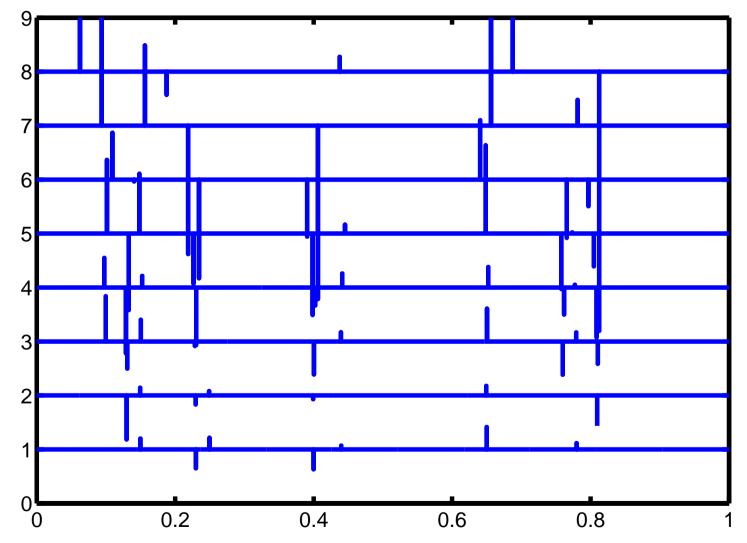
Thresholded details at scale 1



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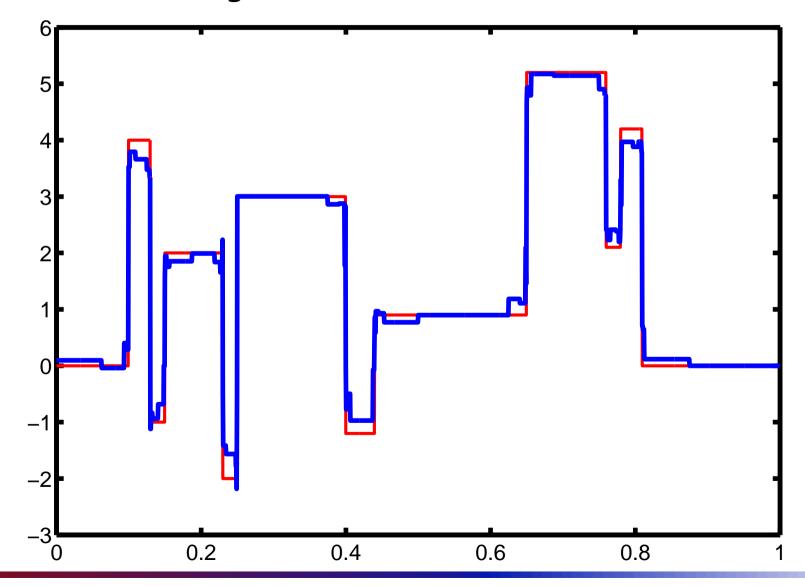
Thresholded transform

Thresholded transform



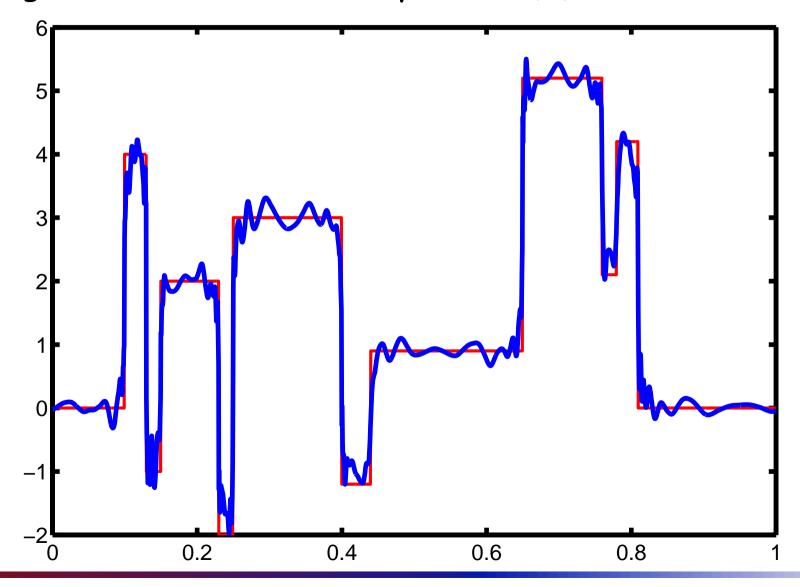
Reconstructed signal

Reconstructed signal



Reconstructed signal

Using smoother wavelets: Symmlets(8)



De-noising

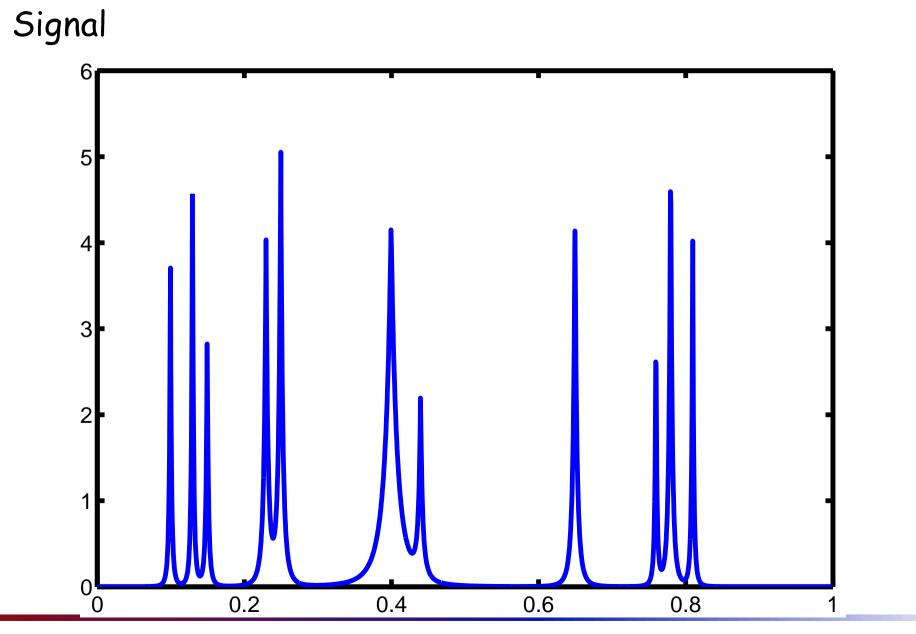
- Wavelet transform
- **Take each scale separately** $\{d(j,k)\}_{k\in\mathbb{Z}}$
- (soft) threshold, for $d(j,k) \ge 0$

$$\hat{d}(j,k) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } d(j,k) < T_j \\ d(j,k) - T_j & \text{if } d(j,k) \ge T_j \end{cases}$$

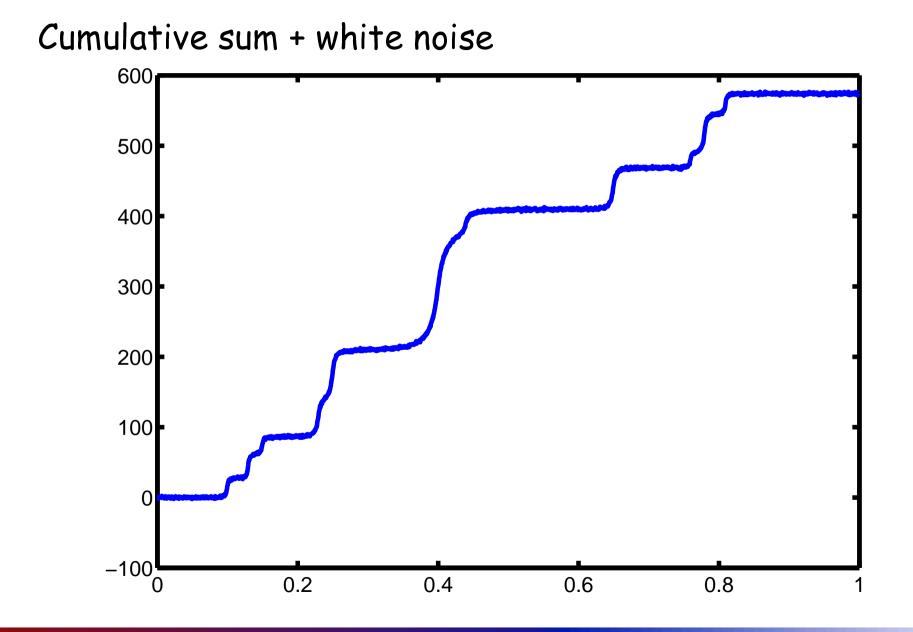
similar approach for d(j,k) < 0

Inverse Wavelet Transform of $\{\hat{d}(j,k)\}_{j=1,...,J,k\in\mathbb{Z}}$ and $\{a(J,k)\}_{k\in\mathbb{Z}}$

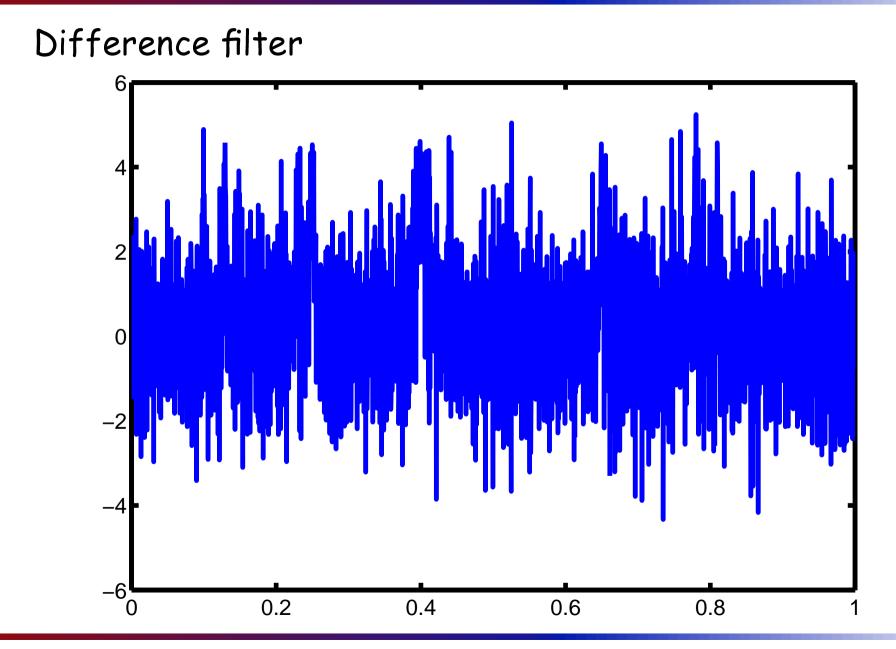
Edge Detection



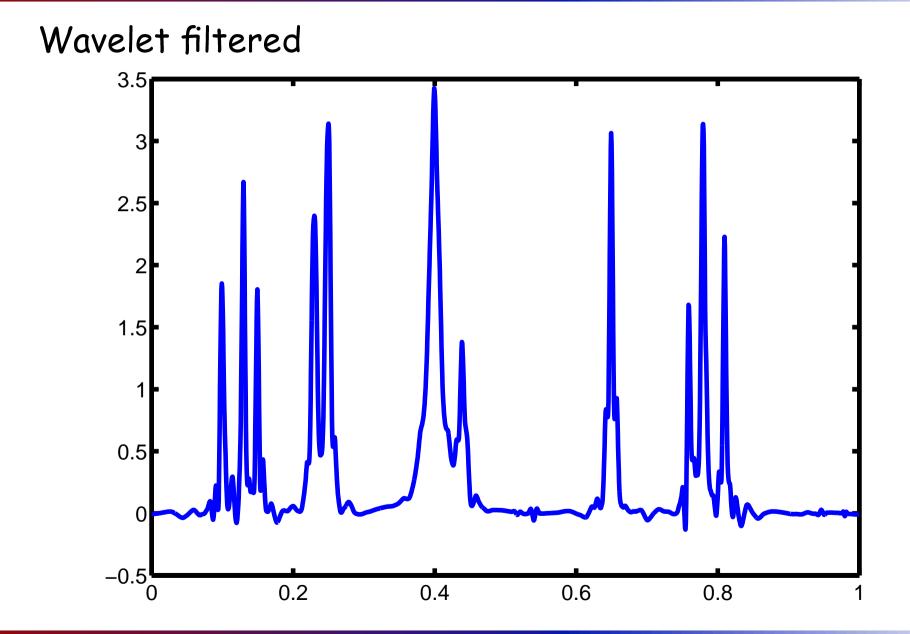
Edge Detection



Edge Detection



Edge Detection



Edge Detection

Exactly the same algorithm as de-noising.

Code

You will have noticed that I made frequent use of http://stat.stanford.edu/~wavelab/