

Introduction to Wavelets

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- Why transform?
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DEVELOPMENT IN HISTORY

- Pre-1930
 - Joseph Fourier (1807) with his theories of frequency analysis
- The 1930s
 - Using scale-varying basis functions; computing the energy of a function
- 1960-1980
 - Guido Weiss and Ronald R. Coifman; Grossman and Morlet
- Post-1980
 - Stephane Mallat; Y. Meyer; Ingrid Daubechies; wavelet applications today



PRE-1930

- Fourier Synthesis
 - Main branch leading to wavelets
 - By Joseph Fourier (born in France, 1768-1830) with frequency analysis theories (1807)
- From the Notion of Frequency Analysis to Scale Analysis
 - Analyzing $f(x)$ by creating mathematical structures that vary in scale
 - Construct a function, shift it by some amount, change its scale, apply that structure in approximating a signal
 - Repeat the procedure. Take that basic structure, shift it, and scale it again. Apply it to the same signal to get a new approximation
- Haar Wavelet
 - The first mention of wavelets appeared in an appendix to the thesis of A. Haar (1909)
 - With *compact support*, vanishes outside of a finite interval
 - Not continuously differentiable

For any 2π periodical function $f(x)$:

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos kx + b_k \sin kx)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin(kx) dx$$



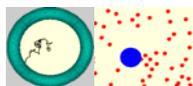
Jean-Baptiste-Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)

THE 1930s



- Finding by the 1930s Physicist **Paul Levy**
 - Haar basis function is superior to the Fourier basis functions for studying small complicated details in the [Brownian motion](#)
- Energy of a Function by Littlewood, Paley, and Stein
 - Different results were produced if the energy was concentrated around a few points or distributed over a larger interval

$$Energy = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx$$



1960-1980

- Created a Simplest Elements of a Function Space, Called Atoms
 - By the mathematicians Guido Weiss and Ronald R. Coifman
 - With the goal of finding the atoms for a common function
- Using Wavelets for Numerical Image Processing
 - David Marr developed an effective algorithm using a function varying in scale in the early 1980s
- Defined Wavelets in the Context of Quantum Physics
 - By Grossman and Morlet in 1980

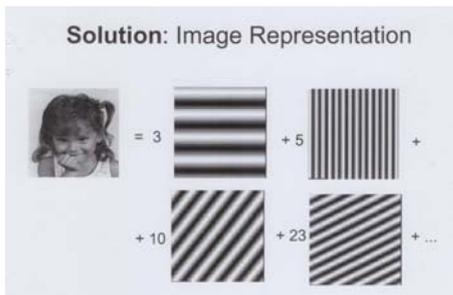
POST-1980

- An Additional Jump-start By Mallat
 - In 1985, Stephane Mallat discovered some relationships between quadrature mirror filters, pyramid algorithms, and orthonormal wavelet bases
- Y. Meyer's First Non-trivial Wavelets
 - Be continuously differentiable
 - Do not have compact support
- Ingrid Daubechies' Orthonormal Basis Functions
 - Based on Mallat's work
 - Perhaps the most elegant, and the cornerstone of wavelet applications today

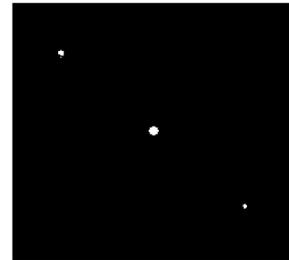
Why transform?



Image representation

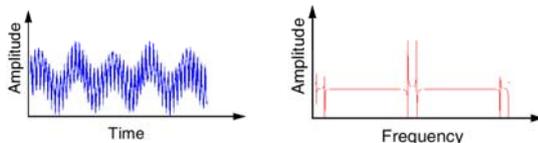


Noise in Fourier spectrum



Fourier Analysis

- Breaks down a signal into **constituent sinusoids** of different frequencies



In other words: Transform the view of the signal from time-base to frequency-base.

What's wrong with Fourier?

- By using Fourier Transform, we lose the **time information**: **WHEN** did a particular event take place?
- FT can not locate drift, trends, abrupt changes, beginning and ends of events, etc.
- Calculating use complex numbers

Time and Space definition

- Time – for one dimension waves we start point shifting from source to end in time scale
- Space – for image point shifting is two dimensional
- Here they are synonyms

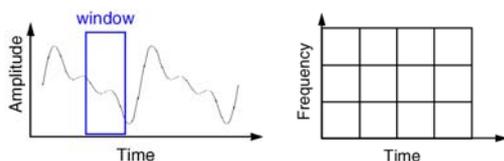
Kronneker function

$$\psi_k(t) = \delta_k(t) = \begin{cases} 1, k = t \\ 0, k \neq t \end{cases}$$

Can exactly show the time of appearance but have not information about frequency and shape of signal.

Short Time Fourier Analysis

- In order to analyze small section of a signal, Denis Gabor (1946), developed a technique, based on the FT and using windowing: STFT



STFT (or: Gabor Transform)

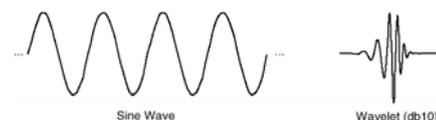
- A compromise between time-based and frequency-based views of a signal.
- both time and frequency are represented in limited precision.
- The precision is determined by the size of the window.
- Once you choose a particular size for the time window - it will be the same for all frequencies.

What's wrong with Gabor?

- Many signals require a more flexible approach - so we can vary the window size to determine more accurately either time or frequency

What is Wavelet Analysis ?

- And...what is a wavelet...?



- A wavelet is a waveform of effectively limited duration that has an average value of zero

Wavelet's properties

- Short time localized waves with zero integral value.
- Possibility of time shifting.
- Flexibility.

The Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT)

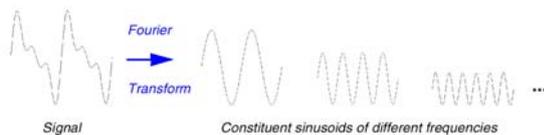
- A mathematical representation of the Fourier transform:

$$F(w) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-iwt} dt$$

- Meaning: the sum over all time of the signal $f(t)$ multiplied by a complex exponential, and the result is the **Fourier coefficients** $F(\omega)$

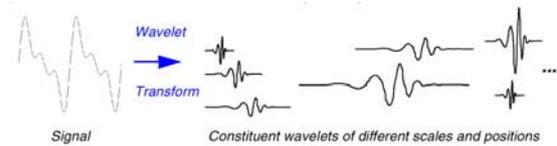
Wavelet Transform (Cont'd)

- Those coefficients, when multiplied by a sinusoid of appropriate frequency ω yield the constituent sinusoidal component of the original signal:



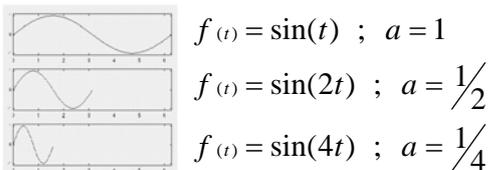
Wavelet Transform

- And the result of the CWT are Wavelet coefficients
- Multiplying each coefficient by the **appropriately scaled and shifted wavelet** yields the constituent wavelet of the original signal:



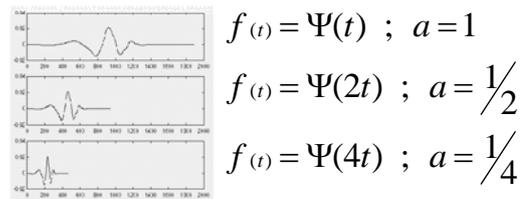
Scaling

- Wavelet analysis produces a **time-scale view** of the signal.
- **Scaling** means stretching or compressing of the signal.
- scale factor (a) for sine waves:



Scaling (Cont'd)

- Scale factor works exactly the same with wavelets:



Wavelet function

$$\Psi_{a,b_x,b_y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{|a|} \Psi\left(\frac{x-b_x}{a}, \frac{y-b_y}{a}\right)$$

- b – shift coefficient
- a – scale coefficient

$$\Psi_{a,b}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \Psi\left(\frac{x-b}{a}\right)$$

- 2D function

CWT

- **Reminder:** The CWT is the sum over all time of the signal, multiplied by scaled and shifted versions of the wavelet function

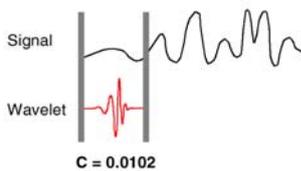
Step 1:

Take a Wavelet and compare it to a section at the start of the original signal

CWT

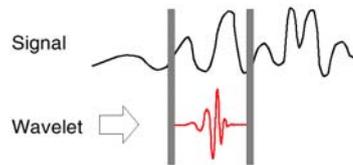
Step 2:

Calculate a number, C , that represents how closely correlated the wavelet is with this section of the signal. The higher C is, the more the similarity.



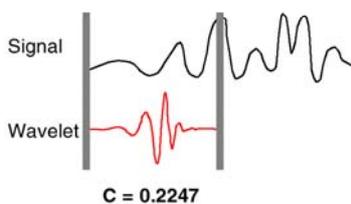
CWT

- **Step 3:** Shift the wavelet to the right and repeat steps 1-2 until you've covered the whole signal



CWT

- **Step 4:** Scale (stretch) the wavelet and repeat steps 1-3



Wavelets examples

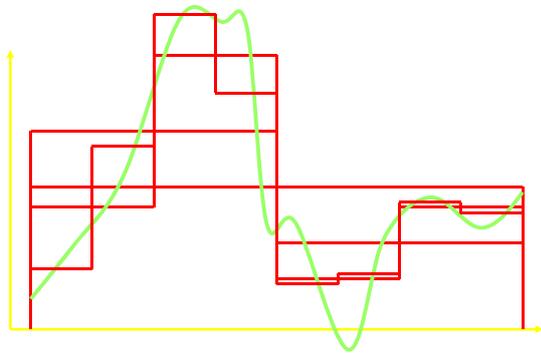
Dyadic transform

- For easier calculation we can to discrete continuous signal
- We have a grid of discrete values that called dyadic grid
- Important that wavelet functions compact (eg. *no overcalculatings*)

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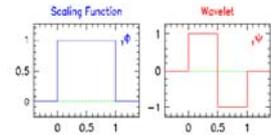
$$b = k2^j$$

Haar transform

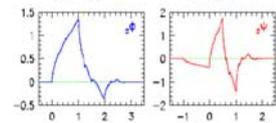


Wavelet functions examples

- Haar function



- Daubechies function



Properties of Daubechies wavelets

I. Daubechies, *Comm. Pure Appl. Math.*, 52 (1984) 919

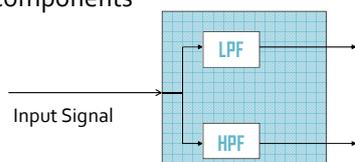
- Compact support
 - finite number of filter parameters/fast implementations
 - high compressibility
 - fine scale amplitudes are very small in regions where the function is smooth/sensitive recognition of structures
- Identical forward/backward filter parameters
 - fast, exact reconstruction
 - very asymmetric

Mallat* Filter Scheme

- Mallat was the first to implement this scheme, using a well known filter design called "two channel sub band coder", yielding a '*Fast Wavelet Transform*'

Approximations and Details:

- **Approximations:** High-scale, low-frequency components of the signal
- **Details:** low-scale, high-frequency components

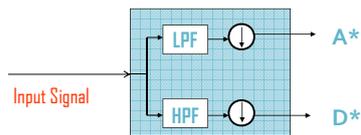


Decimation

- The former process produces twice the data it began with: N input samples produce N approximations coefficients and N detail coefficients
- To correct this, we *Down sample* (or: *Decimate*) the filter output by two, by simply **throwing away** every second coefficient

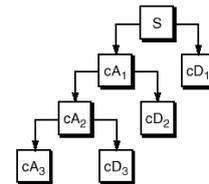
Decimation (cont'd)

So, a complete one stage block looks like:



Multi-level Decomposition

- Iterating the decomposition process, breaks the input signal into many lower-resolution components: *Wavelet decomposition tree*:



Orthogonality

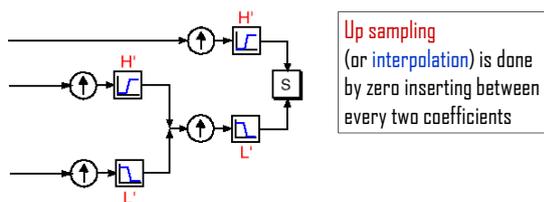
- For 2 vectors $\langle v, w \rangle = \sum_n v_n w_n^* = 0$
- For 2 functions $\langle f(t), g(t) \rangle = \int_a^b f(t) g^*(t) dt = 0$

Why wavelets have orthogonal base?

- Easier calculation
- When we decompose some image and calculating zero level decomposition we have accurate values
- Scalar multiplication with other base function equals zero

Wavelet reconstruction

- Reconstruction (or *synthesis*) is the process in which we assemble all components back



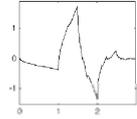
Wavelets like filters

Relationship of Filters to Wavelet Shape

- Choosing the **correct filter** is most important
- The choice of the filter determines the **shape of the wavelet** we use to perform the analysis

Example

- A low-pass reconstruction filter (L') for the db2 wavelet:



The filter coefficients (obtained by Matlab `dbaux` command):

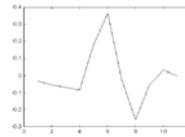
`0.3415 0.5915 0.1585 -0.0915`

reversing the order of this vector and multiply every second coefficient by -1 we get the high-pass filter H' :

`-0.0915 -0.1585 0.5915 -0.3415`

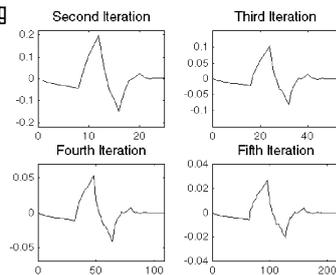
Example (Cont'd)

- Now we **up-sample** the H' coefficient vector:
`-0.0915 0 -0.1585 0 0.5915 0 -0.3415 0`
- and **Convolving** the up-sampled vector with the original low-pass filter we get:



Example (Cont'd)

Now iterate this process several more times, repeatedly up-sampling and convolving the resultant vector with the original low-pass filter, a **pattern** begins to emerge:



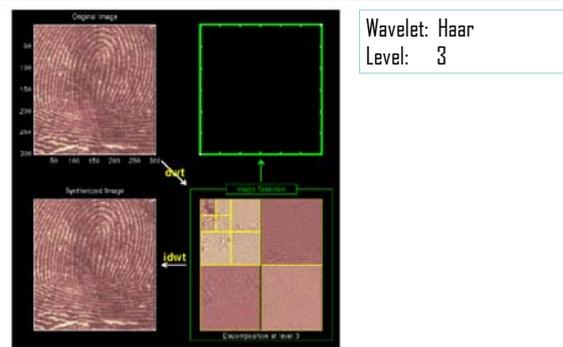
Example: Conclusion

- The curve begins to look more like the *db2* wavelet: the wavelet shape is determined entirely **by the coefficient of the reconstruction filter**
- You can't choose an arbitrary wavelet waveform if you want to be able to **reconstruct** the original signal accurately!

Compression Example

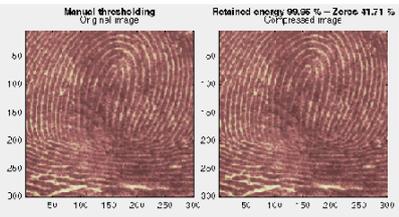
- A two dimensional (image) compression, using 2D wavelets analysis
- The image is a **Fingerprint**
- **FBI** uses a wavelet technique to compress its fingerprints database

Fingerprint compression



Result

Original Image Compressed Image



Threshold: 3.5
Zeros: 42%
Retained energy: 99.95%