

## 20. Wavelet systems

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The Haar wavelet was built from a scale function  $\phi(x)$  s.t.  $\phi(x) = \phi(2x) + \phi(2x-1)$

Consider a scale function solving a more general dilation eq:

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} c_k \phi(2x-k)$$

And let 
$$\phi_{j,k}(x) = \phi(2^j x - k)$$

Let  $V_j = \text{span} \{ \phi_{j,k} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Then  $\phi_{j,k} \in V_{j+1}$ , so  $V_0 \subseteq V_1 \subseteq \dots$

So we still have the nice property where each successive set of finer-grained  $\phi_{j,k}$  spans the coarser resolution span before it.

We will show that it is in general possible to build a wavelet system of orthonormal bases out of a scale function.

### Solving a dilation equation

Easy to check a sol  $\phi(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} c_k \phi(2x-k)$ , harder to find.

Lemma:  $\phi(x)$  has support  $[0, d-1]$  (if it has finite support)

proof. Say  $\phi(x)$  has finite support  $[A, B]$ .

Then  $\phi(2x)$  has support  $[\frac{A}{2}, \frac{B}{2}] \subseteq [A, B]$ .

$$\Rightarrow A=0 \quad (\text{leftmost } \phi(2x-k))$$

Then  $\phi(2x-(d-1))$  has support  $[\frac{d-1}{2}, \frac{d-1}{2} + \frac{B}{2}] \subseteq [0, B]$

$$\Rightarrow B=d-1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [0, \frac{d-1}{2}] \\ & [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{d}{2}] \\ & \vdots \\ & [\frac{d-1}{2}, d-1] \end{aligned}$$



Note:  $\phi(2x-k)$  has support  $[\frac{k}{2}, \frac{d-1}{2} + \frac{k}{2}]$ .

### Cascade algorithm:

See better ref [Malone, 2005]

Define an operator  $\mathcal{V}$  by

$$(\mathcal{V}f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} c_k f(2x-k)$$

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Let  $f$  be a compactly supported solution on  $[0, N]$ ,  $(N = d-1) \sum_{k=0}^N c_k f(2x-k)$

Then  $(\mathcal{V}f)(0) = c_0 f(0) + \cancel{c_1 f(-1)} + \cancel{c_2 f(-2)} + \dots + \cancel{c_N f(-N)} = c_0 f(0)$

$(\mathcal{V}f)(1) = c_0 f(2) + c_1 f(1) + c_2 f(0) = c_2 f(0) + c_1 f(1) + c_0 f(2)$

$(\mathcal{V}f)(2) = c_0 f(4) + c_1 f(3) + c_2 f(2) + c_3 f(1) + c_4 f(0)$

$(\mathcal{V}f)(N-1) = c_0 \cancel{f(2N-2)} + \dots + c_{N-3} \cancel{f(2N-2-N+3)} + c_{N-2} f(N) + c_{N-1} f(N-1) + c_N f(N-2)$

$(\mathcal{V}f)(N) = c_N f(N)$

Because of support of each  $f(2x-k)$

So let  $\vec{g} = [f(0), f(1), \dots, f(N)]^T$

Then  $\vec{g} = M \vec{g}$ , where matrix  $M$  is given by  $(\mathcal{V}f)$  above:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & & & & & 0 \\ c_2 & c_1 & c_0 & & & \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_2 & c_1 & c_0 & \\ & & \dots & \dots & & \\ & & & & c_N & c_{N-2} & c_{N-1} \\ & & & & & & c_N \end{bmatrix}$$

$M$  under certain conditions has a nice spectral gap, so this iteration rapidly converges to an approximation  $\vec{g}$  of  $f(x)$ .

### Alternate solution by increasing resolution

Consider  $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \phi(2x) + \phi(2x-1) + \frac{1}{2} \phi(2x-2)$  with support  $[0, 2]$ ,

$\phi(0) = \frac{1}{2} \phi(0) + \phi(-1) + \frac{1}{2} \phi(-2) = \frac{1}{2} \phi(0) + 0 + 0 \Rightarrow \phi(0) = 0.$

$\phi(2) = \frac{1}{2} \phi(4) + \phi(3) + \frac{1}{2} \phi(2) = \frac{1}{2} \phi(2) \Rightarrow \phi(2) = 0.$

$\phi(1) = \frac{1}{2} \phi(2) + \phi(1) + \frac{1}{2} \phi(0) = \phi(1) \Rightarrow \phi(1) \text{ arbitrary}$

Set  $\phi(1) = 1.$

*because can always scale*

Then  $\phi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\phi(1) + \phi(0) + \frac{1}{2}\phi(-1) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\phi\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\phi(3) + \phi(2) + \frac{1}{2}\phi(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\phi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\phi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \phi\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\phi\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

⋮

Can compute any  $\phi\left(\frac{i}{2^j}\right)$  for larger values of  $j$  until we get desired accuracy.  
If  $\phi(x)$  is simple, can conjecture explicit form and check.

### Conditions on dilative equation

(Recall)

Lemma 1.1 If  $\phi(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} c_k \phi(2x-k)$ , then either  $\sum_{k=0}^{d-1} c_k = 2$  or  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) dx = 0$ .

Necessary condition for orthogonality:

Lemma 1.2 Let  $\phi(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} c_k \phi(2x-k)$ . If  $\phi(x)$  and  $\phi(x-k)$  are orthogonal

for  $k \neq 0$  and  $\phi(x)$  has been normalized so

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) \phi(x-k) dx = \delta(k), \text{ then } \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} c_i c_{i-2k} = 2\delta(k).$$

Where  $\delta(k)$  is Kronecker delta  $\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x=0 \\ 0, & x \neq 0. \end{cases}$

proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(k) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) \phi(x-k) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} c_i \phi(2x-i) \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} c_j \phi(2x-2k-j) \right) dx \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} c_i c_j \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(2x-i) \phi(2x-2k-j) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} c_i c_j \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x-i) \phi(x-2k-j) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} c_i c_j \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) \phi(x+i-2k-j) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} c_i c_j \delta(2k+j-i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} c_i c_{i-2k} \end{aligned}$$

rescale  
translate

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} c_i c_{i-2k} = 2\delta(k)$$



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For any  $k \neq 0$ , sum of product of offset coefficients is 0.

If  $k=0$ , sum of squared coefficients is 2.

Note: The triangular solution to  $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \phi(2x) + \phi(2x-1) + \frac{1}{2} \phi(2x-2)$  fails this condition; does not work for constructing orthonormal wavelet basis.



Lemma 11.3 If  $[0, d-1)$  is the support of  $\phi(x)$ , and the set of integer shifts,  $\{\phi(x-k) \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  are linearly independent, then  $c_k = 0$  unless  $0 \leq k \leq d-1$ .

proof.  $\phi(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \phi(2x-k)$ . Because  $\{\phi(2x-k)\}$  are lin. ind.,  $c_k$ 's are unique.

If  $\text{support}(\phi(x)) = [0, d-1)$ , then  $\text{support}(\phi(2x)) = [0, \frac{d-1}{2})$ .

$$\text{So } \text{support}(\phi(2x-k)) = \left[ \frac{k}{2}, \frac{k}{2} + \frac{d-1}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{But } \text{support}(\phi(x)) = \text{support}\left(\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \phi(2x-k)\right) = \bigcup_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \text{support}(\phi(2x-k))$$

But since  $\phi(2x-k)$  are lin. ind.,  $c_k \phi(2x-k)$  for  $k \geq d$  or  $k < 0$  cannot be "cancelled out" by other terms in the summation if  $c_k > 0$ .

$$\text{So, } \phi(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} c_k \phi(2x-k)$$

Corollary:  $d$  is even, (assuming linearly ind. & orthogonal)

proof. Suppose  $d$  is odd.

By Lemma 11.3,  $\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} c_i c_{i-2k} = 0$  for  $k \neq 0$ .

$$\text{Let } k = \frac{d-1}{2}. \text{ Then } 0 = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} c_i c_{i-d+1} = c_{d-1} c_0 \Rightarrow c_0 \text{ or } c_{d-1} \text{ is } 0.$$

Then only  $d-1$  nonzero coefficients, so we just shift so that  $d$  is even.



Thus, if a dilation equation has  $d$  terms, where  $d$  is even, the coefficients have to satisfy

$$\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} c_i = 2, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} c_i c_{i-2k} = 2 \delta(k)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i = 2, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i c_{i-2k} = 2\delta(k)$$

1 linear eq       $\frac{d}{2}$  quadratic equations for  $0 \leq k \leq \frac{d}{2} - 1$

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But, we have  $d$  degrees of freedom, so roughly speaking, we have  $\frac{d}{2} - 1$  leftover degrees of freedom to design the wavelet for our desired properties.