

Basics on Wavelet Theory and Its Applications

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Outline of Mini-Course Talks

- What is the discrete wavelet transform and why is it useful?
- General discrete wavelet transforms and types of wavelets.
- Wavelets and framelets in the discrete and function settings.
- Wavelet applications to signal and image processing.
- Wavelet-based methods for numerical solutions to partial differential equations (PDEs).

Declaration: Some figures and graphs in this talk are from the book [Bin Han, *Framelets and Wavelets: Algorithms, Analysis and Applications*, Birkhäuser/Springer, 2017] and various other sources from Internet, or from published papers, or produced by `matlab`, `maple`, or C programming. [Details and sources of all graphs can be provided upon request of the audience.]



Applied and Numerical Harmonic Analysis

$$\hat{f}(\gamma) = \int f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \gamma} dx$$

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Framelets and Wavelets

Algorithms, Analysis, and
Applications

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How to represent data economically?

- In today's world, most data and signals are in digital format: digital TV, movies, songs, signals, images, videos,...
- How to represent data effectively (as few numbers as possible)?
- How to detect the sharp changes in data?
- Key advantages of wavelets:
 - **sparse representation.**
 - **multiscale tree structure.**
 - **fast computational algorithms.**



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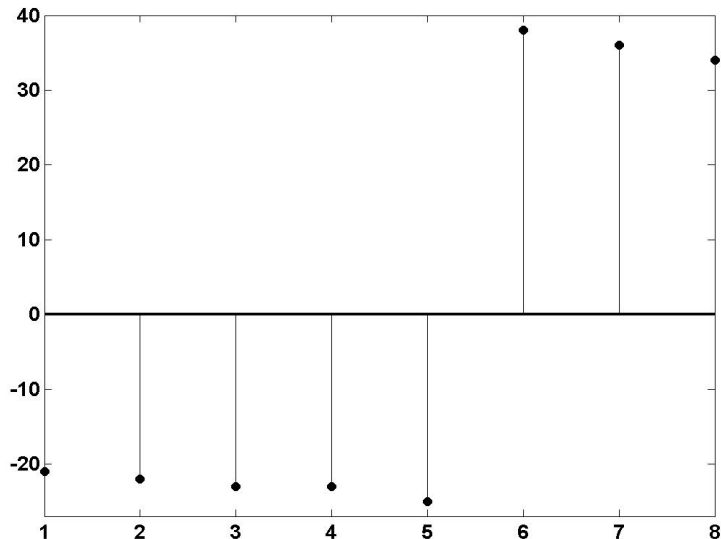
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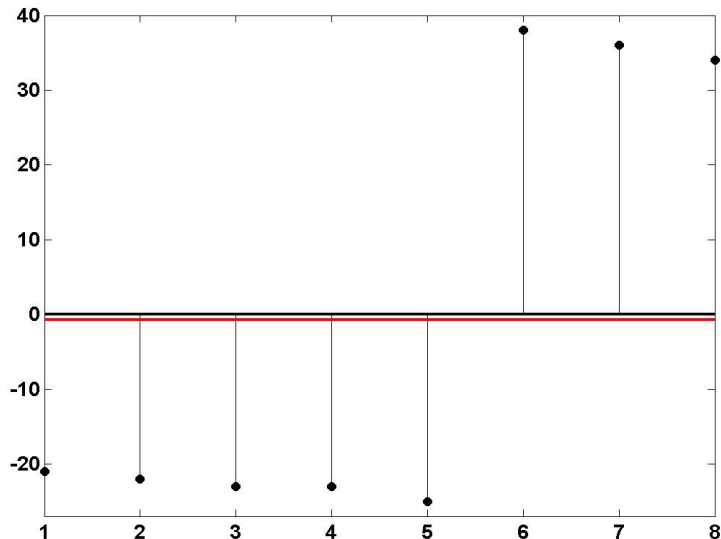
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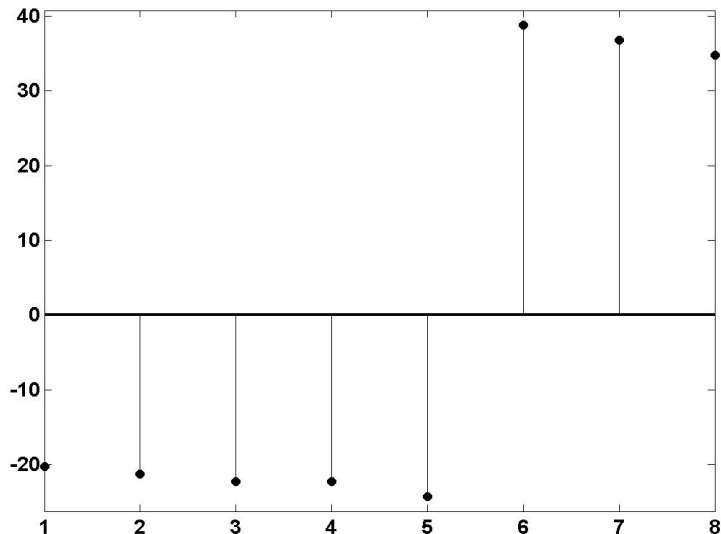
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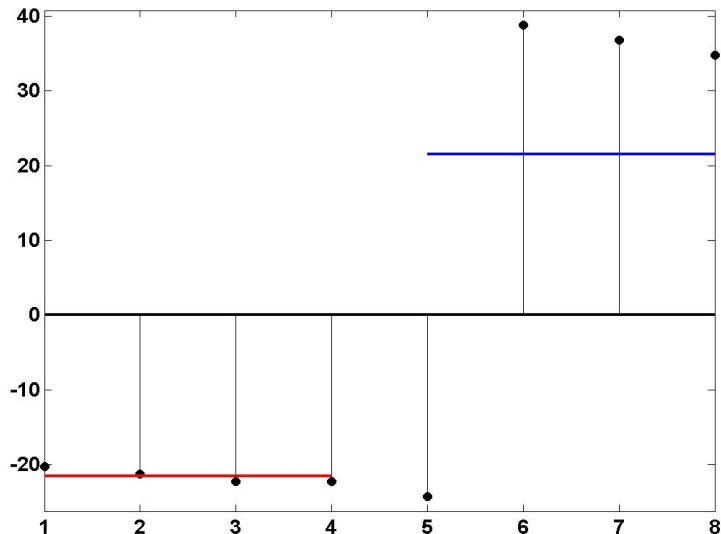
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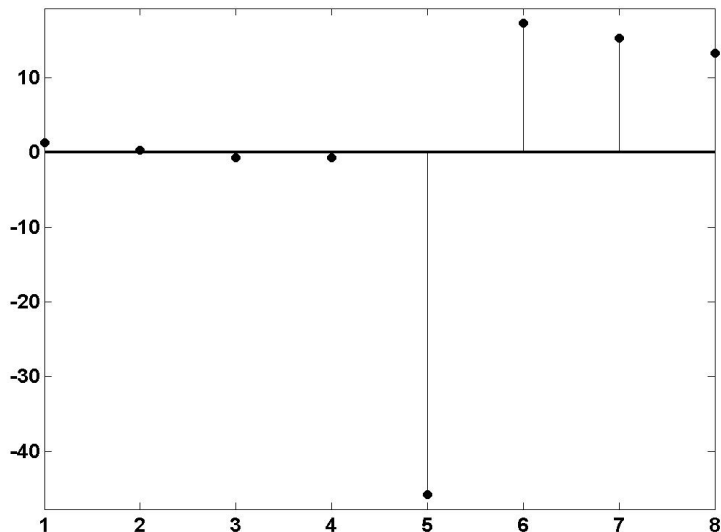
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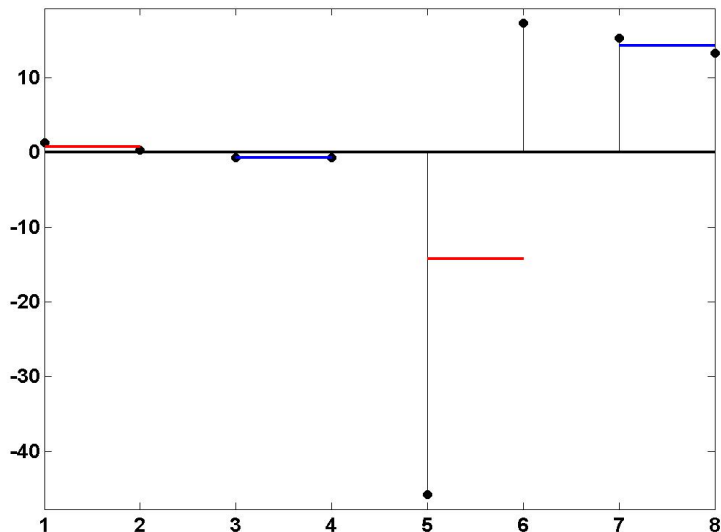
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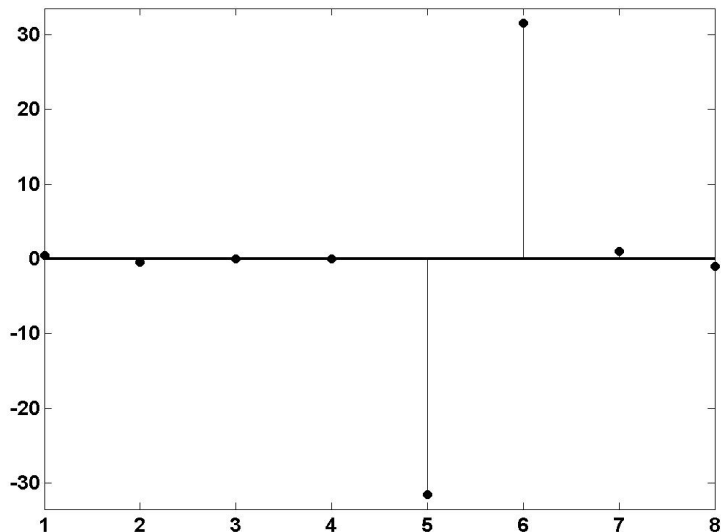
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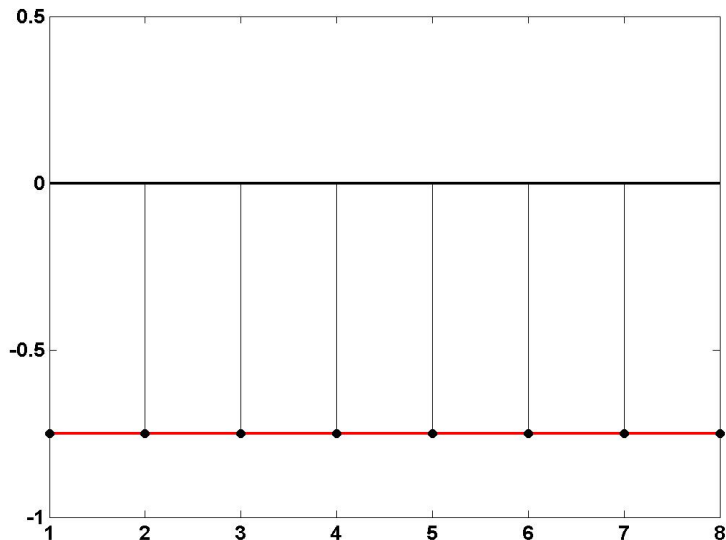


The idea of wavelets using numbers

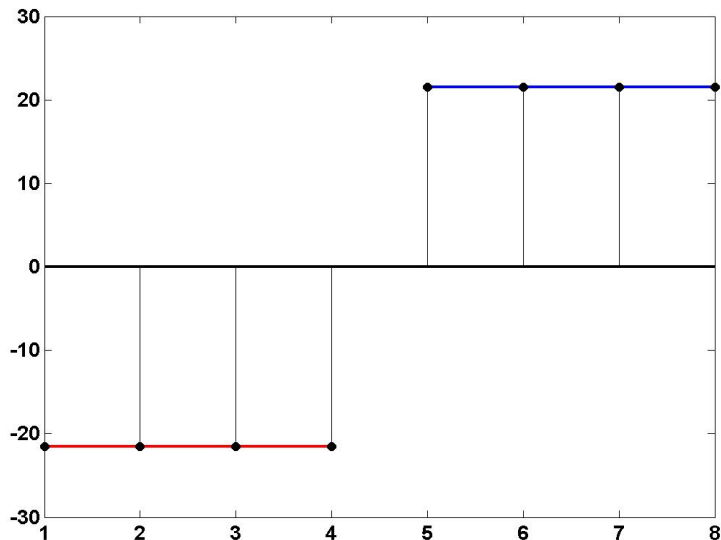
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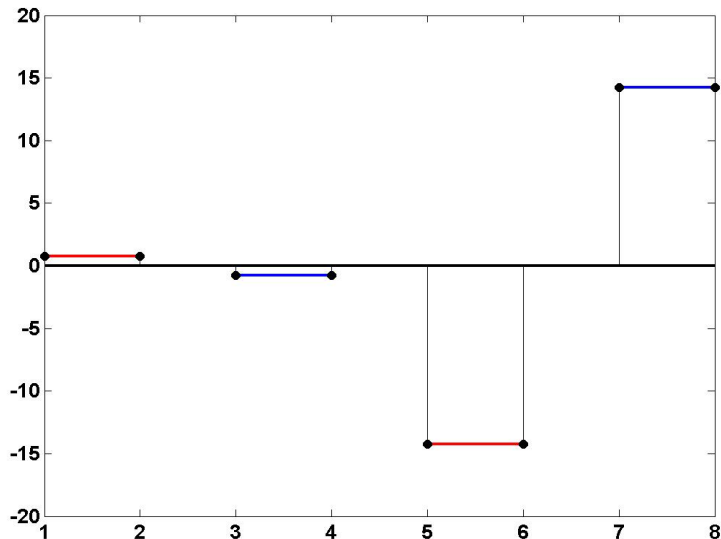
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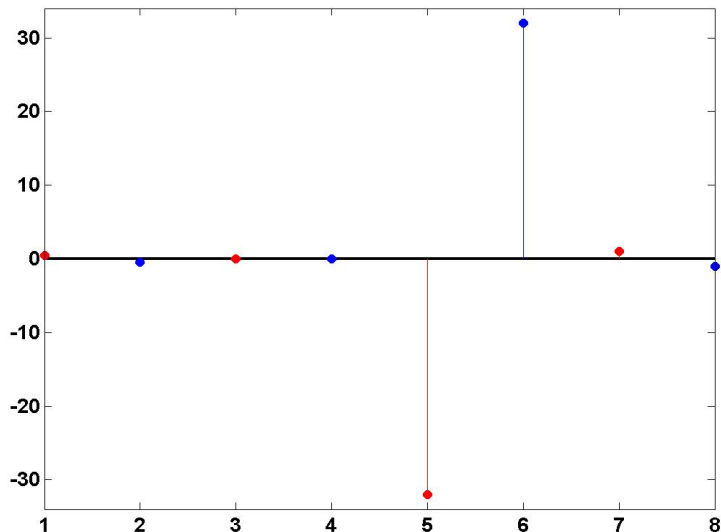
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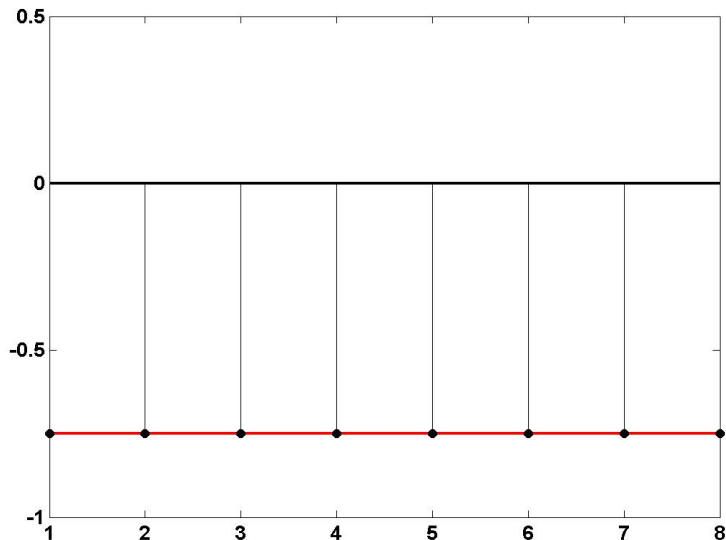
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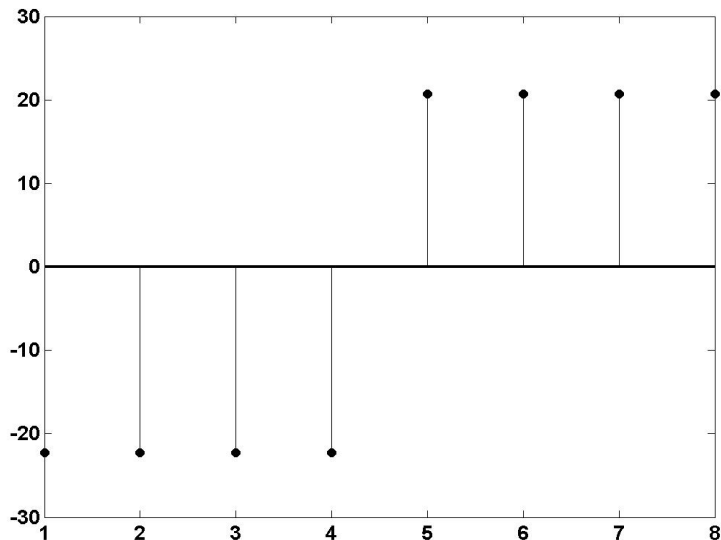
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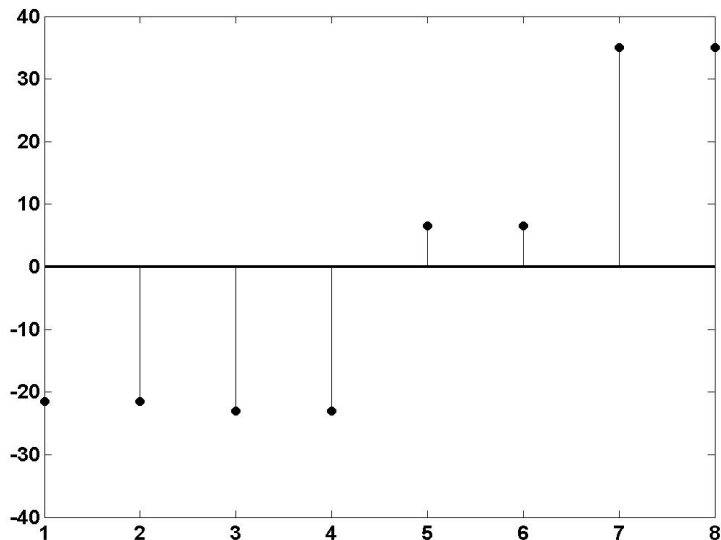
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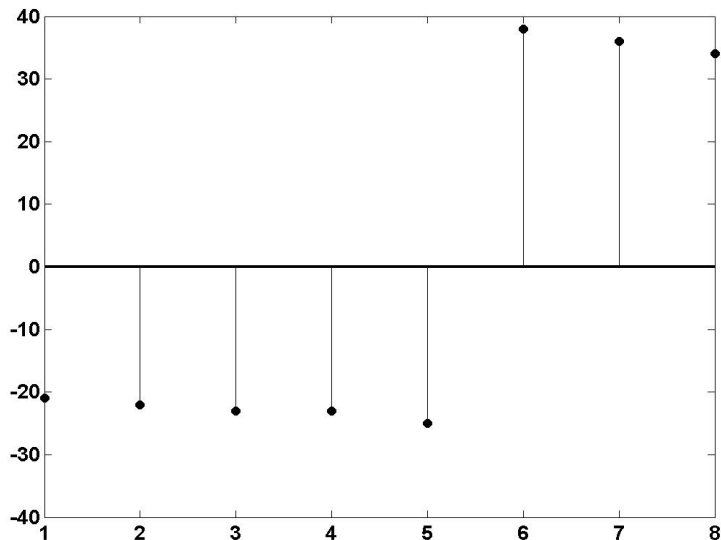
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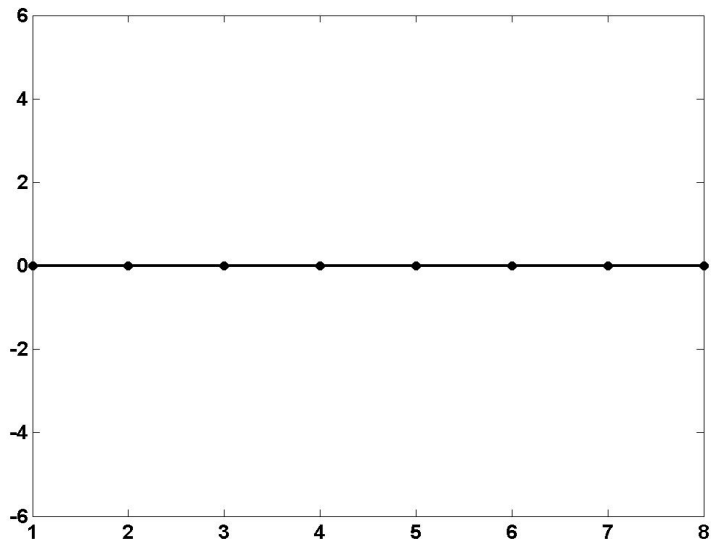
Reconstruction: $A1 + A2 + A3$ (4 numbers)



Reconstruction: $A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4$ (8 numbers)



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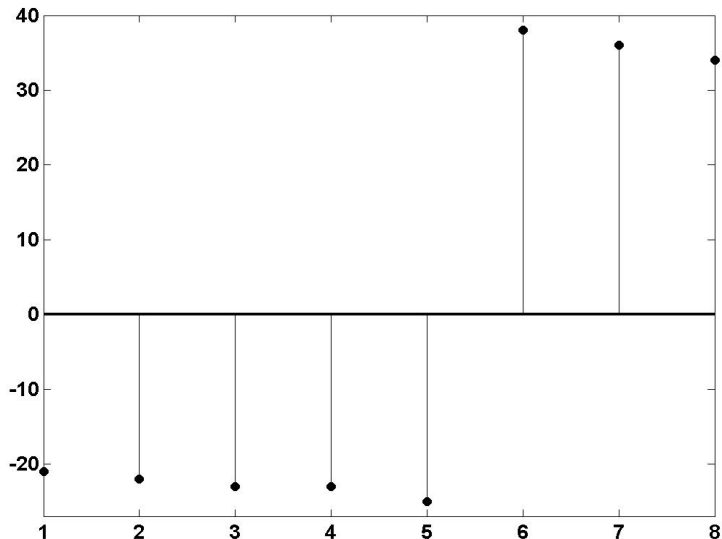


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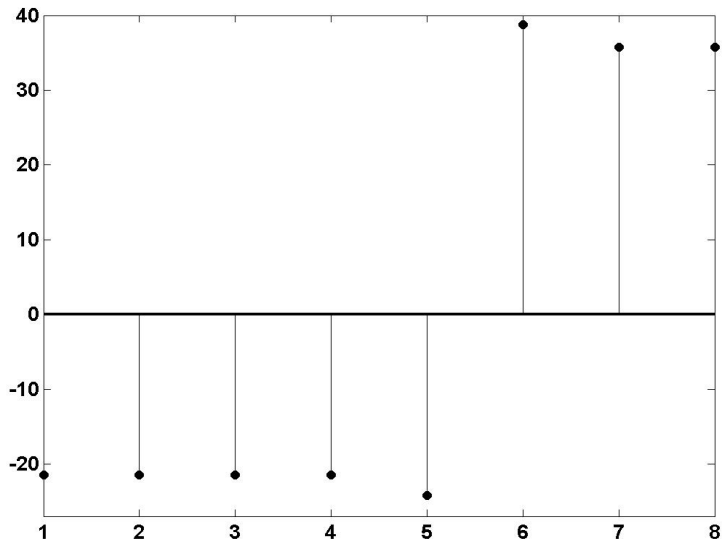
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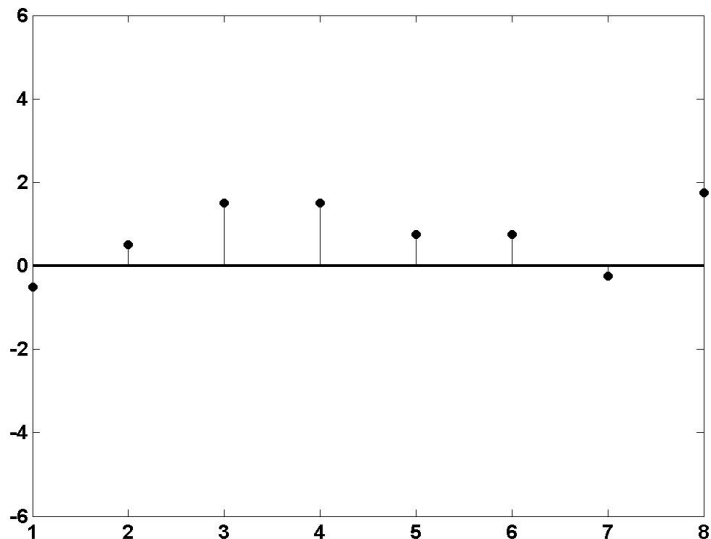
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For applications,
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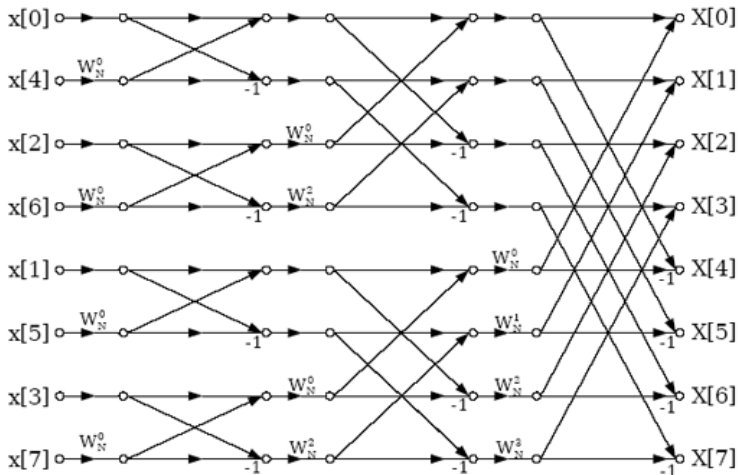
- Inverse discrete Fourier transform (iDFT):
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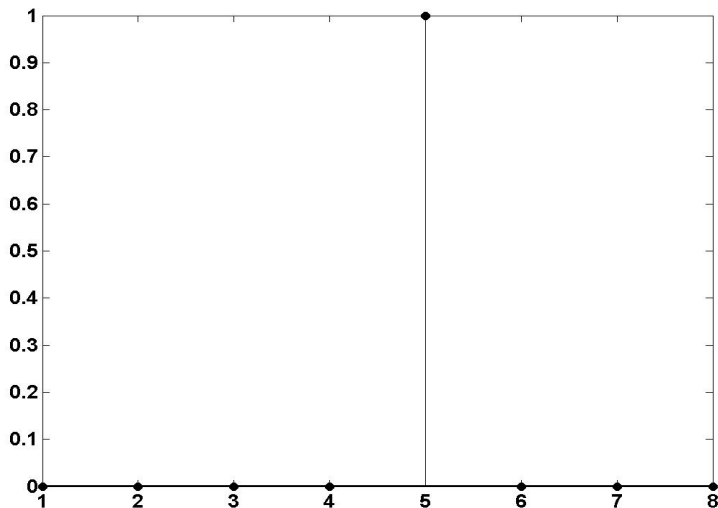
Fast Fourier Transform: Complexity $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$

\hat{x} can be computed efficiently by **Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)**, for example, through the Butterfly Scheme:



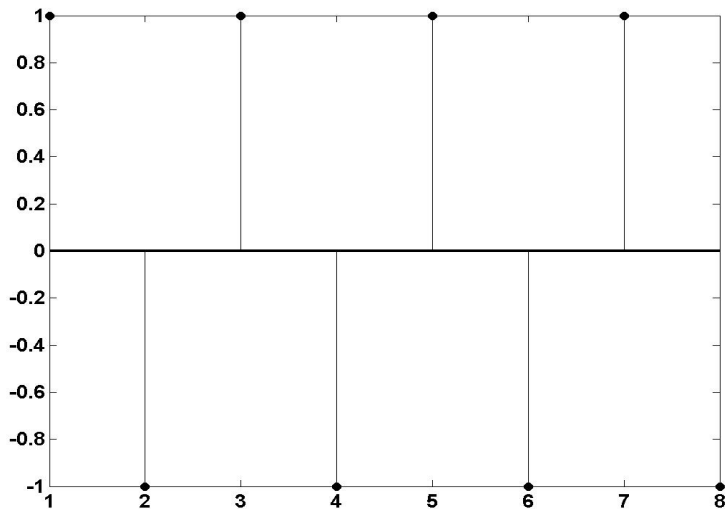
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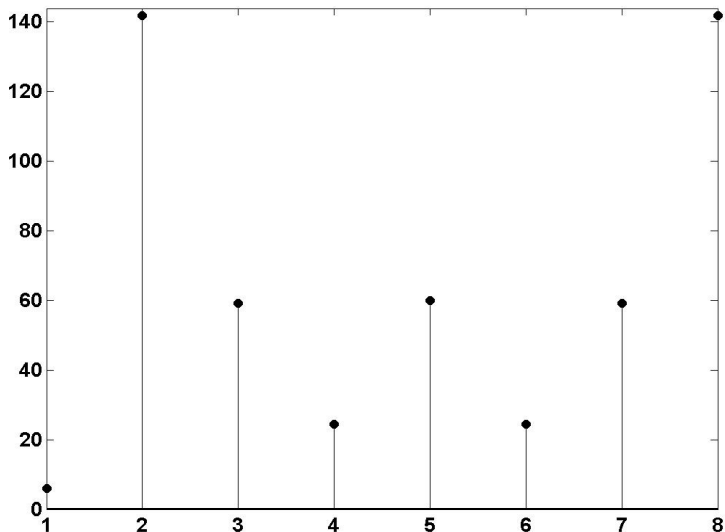


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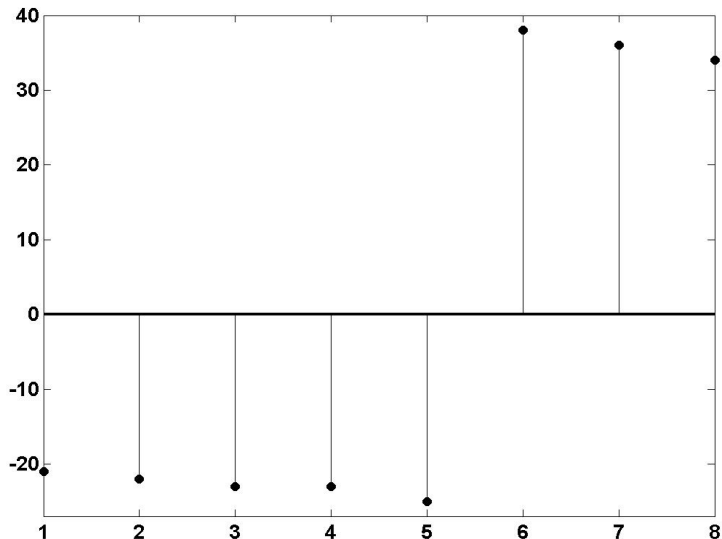
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- $|\hat{x}| = [6, 141.74, 59.21, 24.51, 60, 24.51, 59.21, 141.74]$.
- $\hat{x} = [-6, 1.87 + 141.73i, -59 - 5i, 6.12 + 23.74i, -60, 6.12 - 23.74i, -59 + 5i, 1.87 - 141.73i]$.
- Reconstructed using 3 largest coefficients:
- $\tilde{x} = [-7.03, -17.22, -42.93, -17.89, -7.97, 32.22, 27.93, 32.89]$.



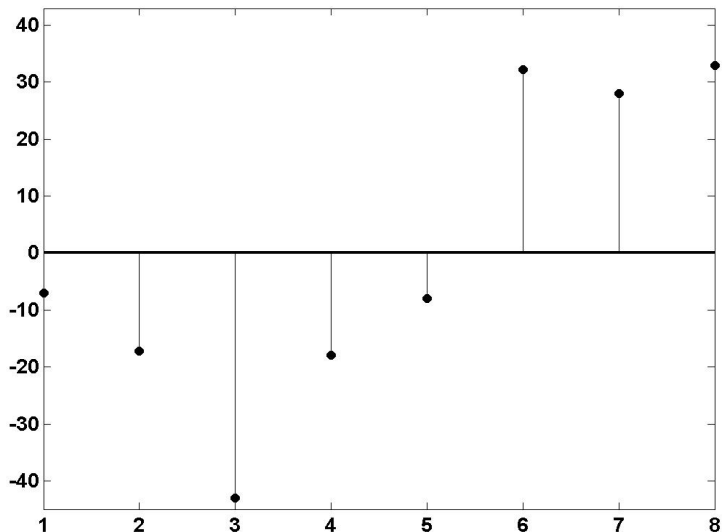
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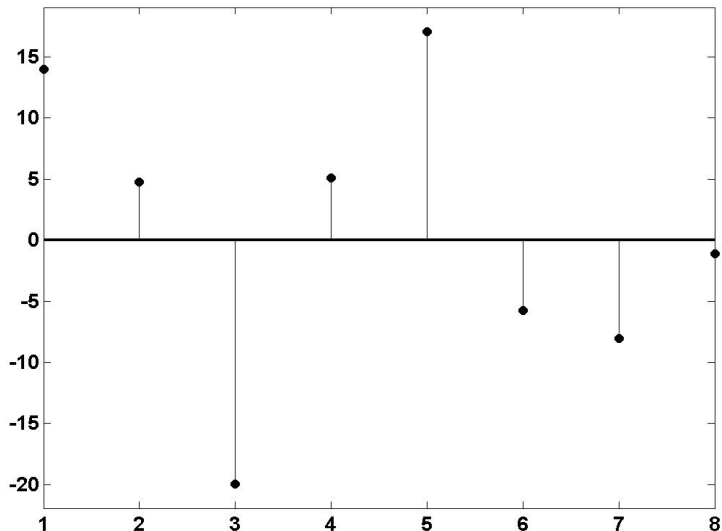
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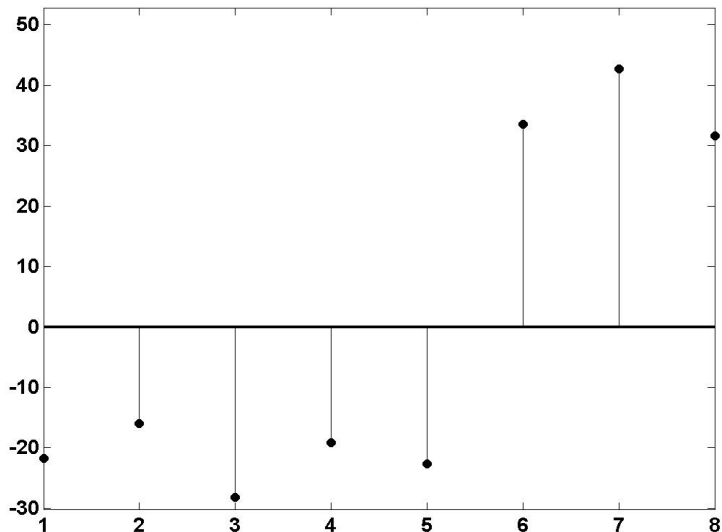
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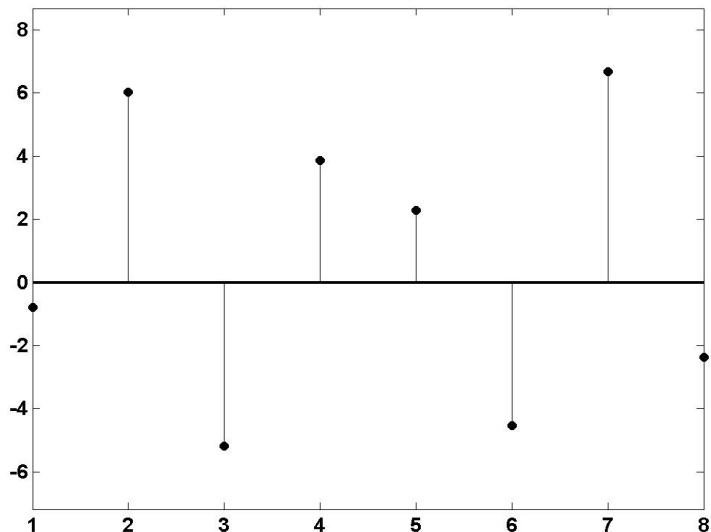
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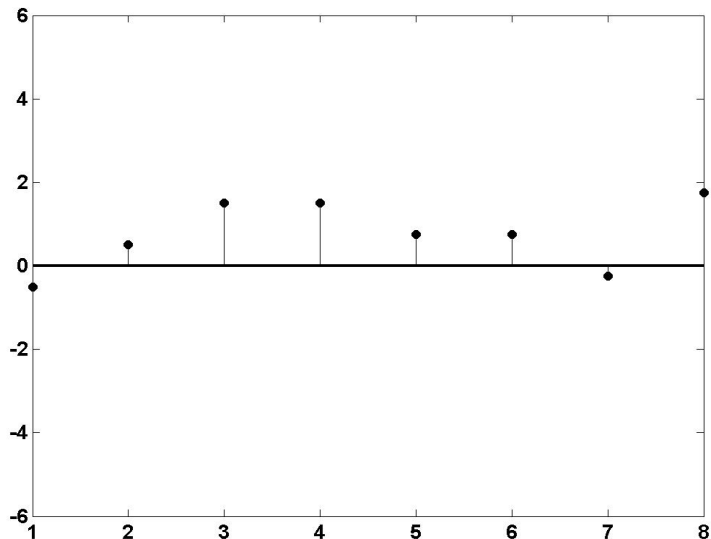
Reconstructed with 5 Numbers by Thresholding



Comparison: Original—Reconstructed



Comparison with Wavelets: Original-Reconstructed



Revisit: Multiscale Wavelet Transform

- **Decomposition:**
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- $[-21.5, -23, 6.5, 35, 0.5, 0, -31.5, 1]$.
- $[-22.25, 20.75, 0.75, -14.25, 0.5, 0, -31.5, 1]$.
- $[-0.75, -21.5, 0.75, -14.25, 0.5, 0, -31.5, 1]$.
- **Processing: Drop small wavelet coefficients.**
- **Reconstruction:**
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- Apply subdivision scheme: $[-0.75] \rightarrow [-0.75, -0.75]$.
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Convolutions, Downsampling and Upsampling

- Model signals by sequences in $\ell(\mathbb{Z})$: $v = \{v(k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.
- Model filters by finitely supported sequences $\ell_0(\mathbb{Z})$:
 $u = \{u(k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ such that $u(k) \neq 0$ for finitely many $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- Convolutions: For $j \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\begin{aligned}[u * v](j) &:= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} u(j - k)v(k) \\ &= \cdots + u(1)v(j - 1) + u(0)v(j) + u(-1)v(j + 1) + \cdots\end{aligned}$$

- Downsampling: For $v = \{v(k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$, $[v \downarrow 2](k) := v(2k)$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. That is, only keep $v(k)$ on even integer positions $k \in 2\mathbb{Z}$.
- Upsampling: Padding zero in between,

$$[v \uparrow 2](k) = v(k/2) \text{ if } k \text{ is even} \quad \text{and} \quad [v \uparrow 2](k) = 0 \text{ if } k \text{ is odd.}$$

- Flipping filters: $u^*(k) := \overline{u(-k)}$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.



z-transform and Fourier series

- For $u \in \ell(\mathbb{Z})$, its z-transform is given by

$$u(z) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} u(k)z^k, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}.$$

- Its Fourier transform \widehat{u} is 2π -periodic and is given by

$$\widehat{u}(\xi) := u(e^{-i\xi}) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} u(k)e^{-ik\xi}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- The z transform of $u * v$ is $u(z)v(z)$ and $\widehat{u * v}(\xi) = \widehat{u}(\xi)\widehat{v}(\xi)$.
- The z-transform of $v \downarrow 2$ is $[v(z^{1/2}) + v(-z^{1/2})]/2$ and $\widehat{v \downarrow 2}(\xi) = [\widehat{v}(\xi/2) + \widehat{v}(\xi/2 + \pi)]/2$.
- The z-transform of $v \uparrow 2$ is $v(z^2)$ and $\widehat{v \uparrow 2}(\xi) = \widehat{v}(2\xi)$.
- $u^*(z) = \overline{u(1/z)}$ and $\widehat{u^*}(\xi) = \overline{\widehat{u}(\xi)}$.



Haar Wavelet Decomposition

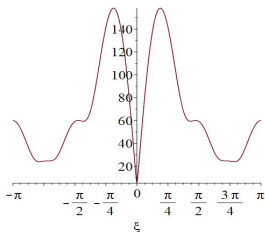
- $x = [-21, -22, -23, -23, -25, 38, 36, 34]_{[0,7]}$.
- Averages: $[-21.5, -23 \mid 6.5, 35]$. Difference: $[0.5, 0, -31.5, 1]$.
- $v = [\dots, 0, 0, -21, -22, -23, -23, -25, 38, 36, 34, 0, 0, \dots]$.
- Define the Haar low-pass filter a and high-pass filter b :

$$a = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\}_{[0,1]}, \quad b = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\}_{[0,1]}.$$

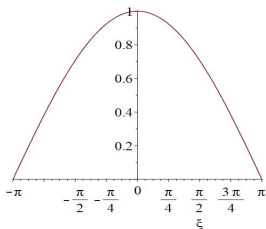
- $\widehat{v * a^*}(\xi) = \widehat{v}(\xi)\widehat{a^*}(\xi) = \widehat{v}(\xi)\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi)}$, that is, $v * a^*$ is $[\dots, \underline{0}, -10.5, \underline{21.5}, -22.5, \underline{-23}, -24, \underline{6.5}, 37, \underline{35}, 17, \underline{0}, \dots]$.
- $[v * a^*] \downarrow 2 = [\dots, \underline{0}, \underline{21.5}, \underline{-23}, \underline{6.5}, \underline{35}, \underline{0}, \dots]$.
- $v * b^* = [\dots, \underline{0}, 10.5, \underline{0.5}, 0.5, \underline{0}, 1, \underline{-31.5}, 1, \underline{1}, 17, \underline{0}, \dots]$.
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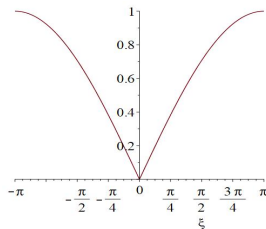
Undecimated Frequency Viewpoint



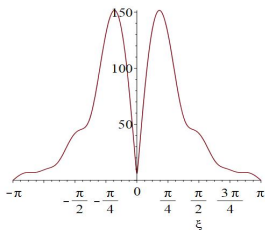
(a) $|\hat{v}(\xi)|$



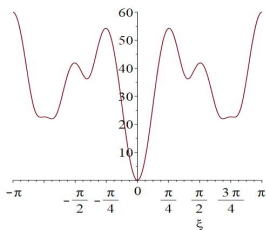
(b) $|\hat{a}(\xi)|$



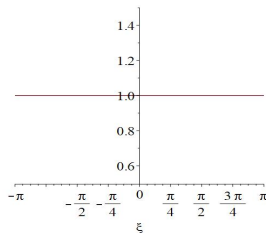
(c) $|\hat{b}(\xi)|$



(d) $|\hat{v}(\xi)\overline{\hat{a}(\xi)}|$



(e) $|\hat{v}(\xi)\overline{\hat{b}(\xi)}|$



(f) $|\hat{a}(\xi)|^2 + |\hat{b}(\xi)|^2$

Undecimated Haar Wavelet Transform

- $a = \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\}_{[0,1]}$ and $b = \{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\}_{[0,1]}$.
- $|\widehat{a}(\xi)|^2 = \cos^2(\xi/2)$ and $|\widehat{b}(\xi)|^2 = \sin^2(\xi/2)$.
- $|\widehat{a}(\xi)|^2 + |\widehat{b}(\xi)|^2 = 1$.
- Perfect reconstruction:

$$\widehat{v}(\xi) = \widehat{v}(\xi)[\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi)}\widehat{a}(\xi) + \overline{\widehat{b}(\xi)}\widehat{b}(\xi)] = [\widehat{v}(\xi)\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi)}]\widehat{a}(\xi) + [\widehat{v}(\xi)\overline{\widehat{b}(\xi)}]\widehat{b}(\xi).$$

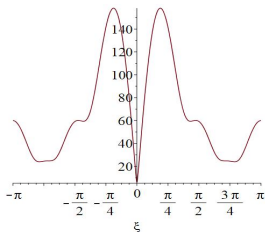
- The undecimated Haar wavelet transform is

$$v = (v * a^*) * a + (v * b^*) * b.$$

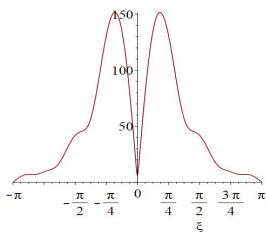
- Energy preservation: $\|v\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})}^2 = \|v * a^*\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})}^2 + \|v * b^*\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})}^2$,
where $\|v\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})}^2 := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |v(k)|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\widehat{v}(\xi)|^2 d\xi$.
- Lengths of $v * a^*$ and $v * b^*$ are the same as that of v !



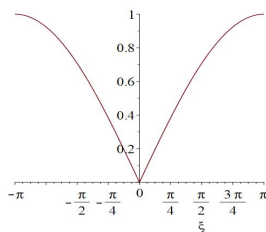
Decimated Frequency Viewpoint



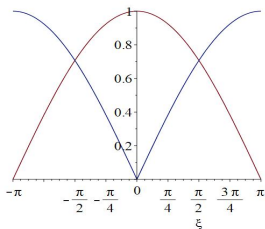
(a) $|\widehat{v}(\xi)|$



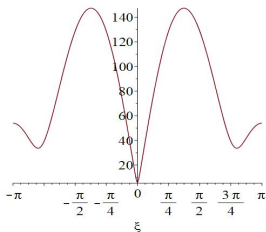
(b) $|\widehat{v}(\xi)\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi)}|$



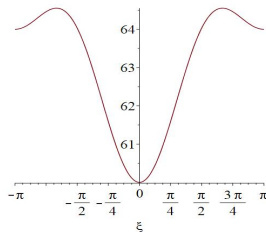
(c) $|\widehat{v}(\xi)\overline{\widehat{b}(\xi)}|$



(d) $|\widehat{a}|$ and $|\widehat{b}|$



(e) $|\widehat{[v * \overline{a^*}]_2}|$



(f) $|\widehat{[v * \overline{b^*}]_2}|$

(Decimated) Haar Wavelet Transform

- $a = \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\}_{[0,1]}$ and $b = \{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\}_{[0,1]}$.
- $|\widehat{a}(\xi)|^2 = \cos^2(\xi/2)$ and $|\widehat{b}(\xi)|^2 = \sin^2(\xi/2)$.
- $\widehat{[v * a^*] \downarrow 2}(\xi) = \widehat{v}(\xi/2)\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi)} + \widehat{v}(\xi/2 + \pi)\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi/2 + \pi)}$.
- $\widehat{[v * b^*] \downarrow 2}(\xi) = \widehat{v}(\xi/2)\overline{\widehat{b}(\xi)} + \widehat{v}(\xi/2 + \pi)\overline{\widehat{b}(\xi/2 + \pi)}$.
- $v = 2^{-1/2}[(\sqrt{2}[v * a^*] \downarrow 2) \uparrow 2] * a + 2^{-1/2}[(\sqrt{2}[v * b^*] \downarrow 2) \uparrow 2] * b$,

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{v}(\xi) &= [\widehat{v}(\xi)\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi)} + \widehat{v}(\xi + \pi)\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi + \pi)}]\widehat{a}(\xi) \\ &\quad + [\widehat{v}(\xi)\overline{\widehat{b}(\xi)} + \widehat{v}(\xi + \pi)\overline{\widehat{b}(\xi + \pi)}]\widehat{b}(\xi)\end{aligned}$$

- The above perfect reconstruction holds **if and only if**

$$\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi)}\widehat{a}(\xi) + \overline{\widehat{b}(\xi)}\widehat{b}(\xi) = 1, \quad \overline{\widehat{a}(\xi + \pi)}\widehat{a}(\xi) + \overline{\widehat{b}(\xi + \pi)}\widehat{b}(\xi) = 0.$$

- Such $\{a; b\}$ is called **an orthogonal wavelet filter bank**.
- Energy preservation:

$$\|v\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})}^2 = \|\sqrt{2}(v * a^*) \downarrow 2\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})}^2 + \|\sqrt{2}(v * b^*) \downarrow 2\|_{\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})}^2.$$



Revisit Haar Wavelet Decomposition

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- $a = \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\}_{[0,1]}$ and $b = \{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\}_{[0,1]}$.
- $\widehat{v * a^*}(\xi) = \widehat{v}(\xi)\widehat{a^*}(\xi) = \widehat{v}(\xi)\overline{\widehat{a}(\xi)}$, that is, $v * a^*$ is $[\dots, \underline{0}, -10.5, \underline{21.5}, -22.5, \underline{-23}, -24, \underline{6.5}, 37, \underline{35}, 17, \underline{0}, \dots]$.
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- $v * b^* = [\dots, \underline{0}, 10.5, \underline{0.5}, 0.5, \underline{0}, 1, \underline{-31.5}, 1, \underline{1}, 17, \underline{0}, \dots]$.
- $[v * b^*] \downarrow 2 = [\dots, \underline{0}, \underline{0.5}, \underline{0}, \underline{-31.5}, \underline{1}, \underline{0}, \dots]$.
- $\|v\|_{\ell_2}^2 = 6504 = 5109 + 1395 = \|v * a^*\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \|v * b^*\|_{\ell_2}^2$.
- $\|v\|_{\ell_2}^2 = 6504 = 4517 + 1987 = \|\sqrt{2}v * a^* \downarrow 2\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \|\sqrt{2}v * b^* \downarrow 2\|_{\ell_2}^2$.



Differences: Tight Frames and Orthonormal Bases

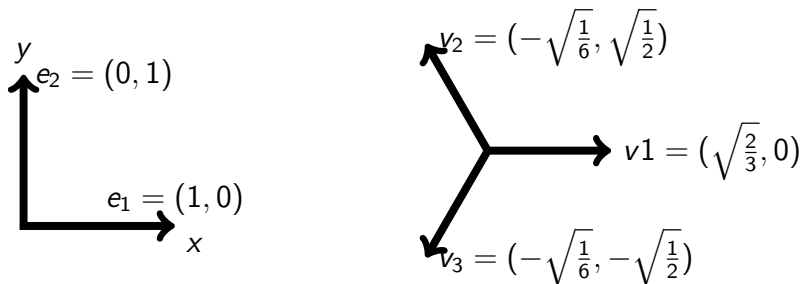


Figure: Left: Orthonormal basis $\{e_1 = (1, 0), e_2 = (0, 1)\}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 . Right: Tight frame $\{v_1 = (\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, 0), v_2 = (-\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}, \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}), v_3 = (-\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}, -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}})\}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$v = \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \langle v, e_2 \rangle e_2$$

$$v = \langle v, u_1 \rangle u_1 + \langle v, u_2 \rangle u_2 + \langle v, u_3 \rangle u_3.$$

A tight frame generalizes an orthonormal basis by having redundancy and more elements.



Summary

- Four types of wavelets and framelet:
 - Wavelets: orthogonal wavelets and biorthogonal wavelets
 - Framelets: tight framelets and dual framelets.
- For compression purpose such as signal/image compression and wavelet applications to numerical PDEs, we often use (bi)orthogonal wavelet filter banks $\{a; b\}$: (1) More restrictive conditions on filter banks; (2) no redundance.
- For data sciences applications such as signal and image processing, we often use dual (or tight) framelet filter banks $\{a; b_1, \dots, b_s\}$: (1) less restrictive conditions on filter banks (flexibility); (2) enjoy redundancy.
- The undecimated Haar wavelet filter bank can be written as the tight framelet filter bank $\{a; a(\cdot - 1), b, b(\cdot - 1)\}$.
- Haar orthogonal wavelet filter bank is simple, but more wavelet filter banks with some additional desired properties are needed.

