### Statistical Signal Processing A (Very) Short Course Episode IV: Deconvolution, Wavelets and related problems

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## Transition phenomena and signal processing Some examples of applications

- Speech and audio processing: how to "karaoke" ? How to isolate nonstationary harmonics ?
- Sismology: High-frequency modulated impulsions ?
- Image processing: How to isolate a pattern in an image ?
- Signal: how to denoise a signal corrupted by a stationary noise ?

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## Signal and Image denoising The problem

Consider a deterministic function f being monodimensional (signal) or bidimensional (image), and assume that we observe a noisy version of f:

$$y(t)=f(t)+\varepsilon(t),$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a noise function. The problem of finding f given y and some information about the noise is called *signal (image) denoising* 

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## Density Deconvolution

Instead of considering a deterministic function f, we may replace it by the realisation of a random variable X; the problem is now, given a series of observations:

$$Y_k = X_k + \varepsilon_k , \ k = 1 \dots n$$

find information on the distribution of X. This is called a *density deconvolution problem*.

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# Signal compression and coding Example: AAC encoding

- Representation of a signal on a given basis allows to make compression (that is, selection of the "most representative" basis coefficients and suppression of the "least representative").
- Example: AAC (Advanced Audio Coding) uses a decomposition of the signal on a local cosine basis (we'll see later what it means...).
- Good choices of the basis and of component selection allows to reduce the size of a given file. This problematic is called *signal compression*.
- The same methodology can be appplied to images (JPEG and JPEG-2000 encoding, MPEG-2 on DVDs, etc...)

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### Definition of the Fourier Transform

"Mr. Fourier, there is no future in your theory...'

### Fourier transform

For a function  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , the Fourier transform is defined by

$$\widehat{f}(\omega) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \, \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\omega t} \, dt \; .$$

If  $\hat{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , we also have that:

$$f(t) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} rac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{f}(\omega) \, \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\omega t} \, d\omega \; .$$

For the physicist, the Fourier transform quantifies the number of oscillations of f at the frequency  $\omega$ . A density argument  $(\overline{L^1 \cap L^2} = L^2)$  allows to extend this definition to the functions of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ .

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# Properties of the Fourier Transform Regularity

### Regularity of the Fourier Transform

A function f is bounded and has continuous and bounded derivatives up to order p if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |\widehat{f}(\omega)| (1+|\omega|^p) \, d\omega < \infty.$$

For example, if  $\hat{f}$  has compact support then f is  $C^{\infty}$ .

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## Uncertainty Principle

Question: Is is possible to write a function "localized in time AND in frequency ?" First answer: No ! If I make a given function "more localized" in time like this:

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then I keep the energy in time  $(||f|| = ||f_s||)$ , and we lose localisation in frequency  $(\hat{f}_s(\omega) = \sqrt{s}\hat{f}(s\omega))$ .

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Uncertainty Principle Quantum mechanics answer

In Quantum Mechanics, a particle is described in dimension 1 by a wave function  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . The mean position of a particle is given by

$$u=\frac{1}{\|f\|^2}\int_{\mathbb{R}}t|f(t)|^2\,dt$$

and its mean quantity of movement is given by

$$\xi = rac{1}{2\pi \|f\|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \omega |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 \, d\omega.$$

The variance around these mean values is given by

$$\sigma_u^2 = \frac{1}{\|f\|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (t-u)^2 |f(t)|^2 dt$$
$$\sigma_{\xi}^2 = \frac{1}{\|f\|^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\omega-\xi)^2 |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

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### Uncertainty Principle Heisenberg Inequality

### Heisenberg's Inequality

For 
$$f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$$
, we have

$$\sigma_u^2 \sigma_\xi^2 \geq rac{1}{4} \; ,$$

with equality if and only if there exists  $(u,\xi,a,b)\in\mathbb{R}^2 imes\mathbb{C}^2$  such that

$$f(t) = a \exp\left(\mathrm{i}\xi t - b(t-u)^2\right) \;.$$

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### Compact Support constraints Don't place your hopes too high

### Support constraints

If  $f \neq 0$  has compact support, then  $\hat{f}$  cannot be equal to 0 on an interval. Conversely, if  $\hat{f} \neq 0$  has compact support, then f cannot be equal to 0 on an interval.

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# Use of the Fourier tranform for deconvolution A first answer

- Recall that the problem of deconvolution is given by
   Y<sub>k</sub> = X<sub>k</sub> + ε<sub>k</sub>, k = 1...n. Assume that we know the noise distribution.
- From the pdf point of view, we get that:  $f_Y = f_X \star f_{\varepsilon}$ , then a first answer to deconvolution would be given by the inverse Fourier transform of

$$\hat{f}_X = \frac{\hat{f}_Y}{\hat{f}_\varepsilon}$$

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- However, this approach is not stable numerically (e.g., if the noise is assumed to be gaussian, the Fourier transform of the pdf of the noise decays quickly to 0).
- A possible correction is to "threshold" the Fourier transform

$$\hat{f}_X = rac{\hat{f}_Y}{\hat{f}_arepsilon \wedge c}$$

• Still, the method remains "ad hoc". In fact, this problem is encountered in deconvolution whatever the method employed.

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# Issues for Fourier basis and Fourier transform Advantages...

- Fourier transform is a powerful and simple tool.
- It is quite well fitted for stationary signals.
- It suffers however from "structural limitations" (Heisenberg's inequality, compact support properties).

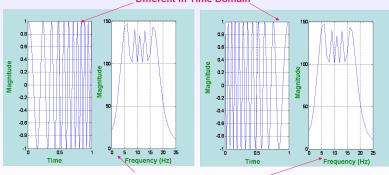
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# Issues for Fourier basis and Fourier transform ... and drawbacks

- Fourier Transform only gives which frequency components exist in the signal.
- The time and frequency information can not be seen at the same time.
- ⇒ Fourier transform is not an adapted tool to deal with non-stationary signals. For this, time-frequency representation of the signal is needed.

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### Issues for Fourier basis and Fourier transform



Different in Time Domain

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## Time-frequency atoms

- A linear time-frequency transform decomposes the signal in a family of functions "well localized in time and energy".
- Such functions are called "time-frequency atoms". Consider a general family of time-frequency atoms {φ<sub>γ</sub>}<sub>γ</sub>, where γ may be multidimensional, and assume that φ<sub>γ</sub> ∈ L<sup>2</sup>(ℝ) and ||φ<sub>γ</sub>|| = 1.
- In that case,

$${\it Tf}(\gamma) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \phi^*_{\gamma}(t) \, dt = \langle f, \phi_{\gamma} 
angle$$

carries local information on time. Moreover, due to Plancherel Theorem:

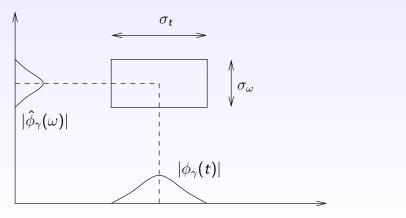
$$\mathit{Tf}(\gamma) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{f}(\omega) \hat{\phi}^*_\gamma(\omega) \, \mathit{d}\omega$$

thus giving frequency information.

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Time-frequency atoms Representation as Heisenberg boxes

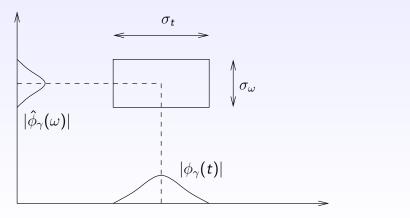
On the time-frequency plane, an atom is not a point of the plan, but a rectangle according to uncertainty principle.



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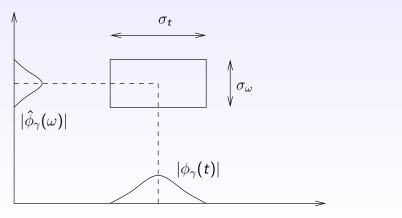
Due to Heisenberg inequality, only rectangles with surface  $\geq 1/2$  can be time-frequency atoms.



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Time-frequency atoms Representation as Heisenberg boxes

There is a lower bound, but no upper bound, consequently the time-frequency plane can be split using different methods.



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# A first answer: short-term Fourier transform Definition

### Short-Time Fourier transform

Let be g an even real-valued function, such that ||g|| = 1. A time-frequency atom  $g_{u,\xi}$  is obtained by translation and modulation:

$$g_{u,\xi}(t) = \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\xi t}g(t-u)$$
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The Short-term Fourier transform is obtained as:

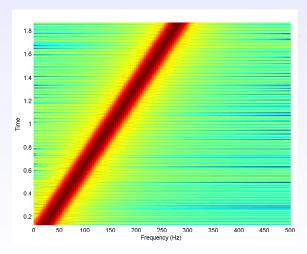
$$Sf(u,\xi) = \langle f, g_{u,\xi} \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t)g(t-u) \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\xi t} \; .$$

We define the *spectrogram* as the PSD associated to the Short-ter Fourier transform:

$$P_{S}f(u,\xi) = \|Sf(u,\xi)\|^{2}.$$

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# A first answer: short-term Fourier transform Example: the chirp



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# A first answer: short-term Fourier transform Related Heisenberg's boxes

We get

$$\sigma_t^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (t-u)^2 |g_{u,\xi}(t)|^2 dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}} t^2 |g(t)|^2 dt$$

and

$$\sigma_{\xi}^{2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\omega - \xi)^{2} |\hat{g}(\omega - \xi) \exp(-\mathrm{i}u(\omega - \xi))|^{2} d\omega = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \omega^{2} |g(\omega)|^{2} d\omega$$

Consequently, the atom  $g_{u,\xi}$  has an Heisenberg box with surface  $\sigma_t \sigma_{\xi}$ , centered at  $(u,\xi)$ 

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# A first answer: short-term Fourier transform

- Short-term Fourier transform allows to study the time-frequency plane more easily.
- The whole plane is covered by this boxes, thus allowing to retrieve the signal by inverse transformation.
- However, the size of Heisenborg boxes remain the same, which can hide some transitory states
- Moreover, the short-term Fourier transform assumes local stationarity.

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# A first answer: short-term Fourier transform

### "Reconstruction" of a signal, given its short-term Fourier transform

If  $f\in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ : $f(t)=rac{1}{2\pi}\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2}\langle f,g_{u,\xi}
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Why the brackets ?This formula appears as a decomposition on an orthogonal basis, but it is not, since  $\{g_{u,\xi}\}_{(u,\xi)\in\mathbb{R}^2}$  is redundant. This redundancy implies that a given function of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is not necessarily the short-term Fourier transform of a signal.

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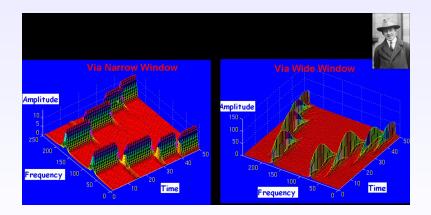
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### The short-term Fourier transform The problems to overcome at this stage

- The fixed resolution is a problem to deal with brutal transitions of a signal.
- The redundancy bothers us to reconstruct the signal from its time frequency representation.

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### The short-term Fourier transform Heisenberg 1 - Signal processing 0



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### Second answer: multiresolution analysis A way to circumvent the resolution problem

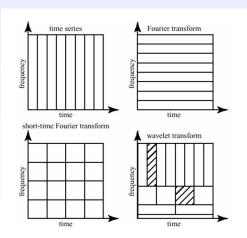
Multiresolution Analysis:

- Analyze the signal at different frequencies with different resolutions
- Good time resolution and poor frequency resolution at high frequencies
- Good frequency resolution and poor time resolution at low frequencies
- ⇒ More suitable for short duration of higher frequency; and longer duration of lower frequency components

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### Second answer: multiresolution analysis

Intuitive view for wavelet: a cunning way to split the time-frequency plane



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### The Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT)

Definition and first example

### Wavelet transform

A wavelet is an even function  $\Psi$  of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \Psi = 0 \;. \; \text{and} \; \|\Psi\| = 1.$$

From this, we define a time-frequency atom as follows:

$$\Psi_{u,s} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \Psi(\frac{t-u}{s})$$

and we define the Continuous Wavelet Transform of a function of  $L^2$  as:

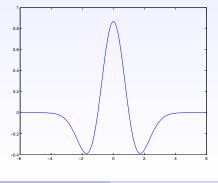
$$Wf(u,s) = \langle f, \Psi_{u,s} \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \Psi^*(\frac{t-u}{s}) dt$$

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# The Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT) Definition and first example

Example: The "mexican hat" wavelet is the second derivative of the Gaussian probability density function.

$$mexh(x) = c \exp(-x^2/2)(1-x^2), c = rac{2}{\sqrt{3}*pi^{1/4}}$$



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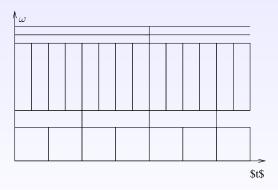
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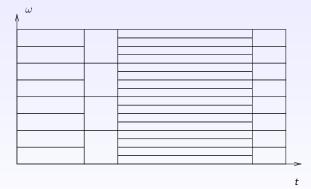
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For block wavelets, the frequency domain is split in "boxes" with arbitrary lengths, and are translated in time.

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### Other possible splits Local cosine decomposition



Local cosine decomposition is the opposite: decompose first the time domain and then translate.

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### Formalisation of multiresolution analysis Definition of multiresolution

The following formalism is introduced by Mallat and Meyer:

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Example 1: Piecewise constant approximation

$$\mathbf{V}_j = \{ m{g} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}); m{g} ext{ constant on } [n2^j; (n+1)2^j] \}$$

Example 1: Spline approximation

 $\mathbf{V}_j = \{ g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}); g \text{ polynomial of degree m on } [n2^j; (n+1)2^j[, g C^{m-1}\} \}$ 

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### Formalisation of multiresolution analysis Construction of a wavelet orthogonal basis

Let  $W_i$  be the orthogonal complement of  $V_i$ :

$$V_{j-1} = V_j \oplus W_j$$

 $V_j$  is the approximation space,  $W_j$  is then the "detail" space. The following theorem, due to Mallat and Meyer, gives a construction of an orthonormal basis of  $V_j$   $W_j$  by dilatation and translation of a wavelet  $\psi$ .

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### Formalisation of multiresolution analysis Construction of a wavelet orthogonal basis

### Mallat, Meyer construction of an orthonormal basis for $V_i$

Let  $\phi$  the scale function whose Fourier transform is defined by

$$\hat{\phi}(\omega) = rac{\hat{ heta}(\omega)}{\sqrt{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \hat{ heta}(\omega + 2k\pi) 
ight|^2}};$$

Then for all resolution level j, the family

$$\left\{\phi_{j,n} \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^j}}\phi\left(\frac{t-2^jn}{2^j}\right)\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

is an orthonormal basis of  $V_j$ .  $\phi_{j,n}$  is called the approximation wavelet.

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Mallat, Meyer construction of an orthonormal basis for  $W_i$ 

Let  $\phi$  an integrable scale function and denote by  $h(n) = \langle \phi(t/2)/\sqrt{2}, \phi(t-n) \rangle$ . Let  $\psi$  the function defined by its Fourier transform:

$$\hat{\psi}(\omega) = rac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\omega/2} \hat{h}^*(\omega/2+\pi) imes \hat{\phi}(\omega/2)$$

Then for all resolution level j, the family

$$\left\{\psi_{j,n} \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^j}}\psi\left(\frac{t-2^jn}{2^j}\right)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$$

is an orthonormal basis of  $W_j$ .  $\phi_{j,n}$  is called the detail wavelet. Moreover,  $\{\psi_{j,n}\}_{n,j\in\mathbb{Z}^2}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ .

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## Some criteria to build a basis Main objectives

- Most applications use the fact that the signal can be expressed by a limited number of wavelet coefficients (parcimony)
- Consequently, we must build  $\psi$  in order to guarantee that  $\langle f, \psi_{j,n} \rangle$  would be close to 0 for a large class of j, n.
- If at sharp scale, most of the wavelet coefficients are "small", *f* will have only a small number of non-negligible wavelet coefficients.

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## Some criteria to build a basis Moment conditions

- Intuitive idea: if f is locally regular, it can be approximed by a high order polynomial (say, of order p).
- Consequently, a wavelet coefficient equal to zero at high resolution is equivalent to an orthogonality condition:
- A good criterion for the function  $\psi$  is thus a moment condition:

$$\int t^k \psi(t) \, dt = 0, 0 \leq k < p$$

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## Some criteria to build a basis Support condition

- Intuitive idea: minimizing the support of  $\psi$  should maximize the number of zeros.
- A good criterion for the functions  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  is to take them with compact support.
- Indeed, we can show that if  $\phi$  has  $[N_1, N_2]$  for support, then the approximation wavelet built using Mallat-Meyer theorem has also compact support  $[(N_1 N_2 + 1)/2, (N_2 N_1 + 1)/2]$ .

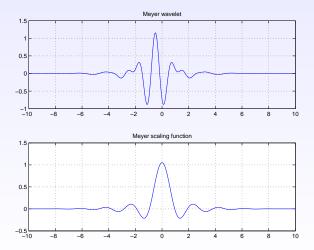
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### Some criteria to build a basis Moment-support trade-off

- Number of moments and support size are correlated: if ψ a has p moments equal to 0, then the size of its support is at least 2p - 1.
- The wavelet has to be chosen with respect to the application, whether the number of singularities and the type of regularity between them.

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## Example: The Meyer wavelet family



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### Estimator by basis projection

Let  $\{g_m\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  be an orthonormal basis of an Hilbert space H. Any  $f\in H$  is decomposed as

$$f = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \langle f, g_m \rangle g_m \; .$$

A projection estimator is obtained by taking only the first components:

$$f_M = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \langle f, g_m 
angle g_m \; .$$

The approximation error tends to 0, but we don't know at each rate:

$$\varepsilon(M) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \|f - f_M\|^2 = \sum_{m=M}^{+\infty} |\langle f, g_m \rangle|^2 \longrightarrow_{M \to \infty} 0.$$

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## Estimator by basis projection

The following theorem gives information on the decreasing rate of  $\varepsilon(M)$ .

Rate of convergence of the linear approximation error

For all s > 1/2, there exists A > 0 and B > 0 such that if

$$\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} |m|^{2s} |\langle f, g_m \rangle|^2 < +\infty,$$

then

and

$$A\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} m^{2s} |\langle f, g_m \rangle|^2 \leq \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} M^{2s-1} \varepsilon(M) \leq B\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} m^{2s} |\langle f, g_m \rangle|^2,$$
  
then  $\varepsilon(M) = o(M^{-2s}).$ 

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Estimator by basis projection

The previous theorem gives a rate of convergence provided that

$$f \in \mathbf{W}_{B,s} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left\{ f \in H; \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} |m|^{2s} |\langle f, g_m \rangle|^2 < +\infty 
ight\}.$$

This kind of space defines the regularity of f is the considered basis is a Fourier or a wavelet basis in the sense of "general differentiability". We define the Sobolev space with index s:

$$\mathbf{W}_{s}(\mathbb{R}) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left\{ f \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R}); \ \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\omega|^{2s} |\hat{f}(\omega)|^{2} \, d\omega < \infty 
ight\}$$

and

$$\mathbf{W}_{s}([0;1]) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left\{ f \in L^{2}([0;1]); \exists g \in \mathbf{W}_{s}(\mathbb{R}), g_{\mid [0;1]} = f 
ight\}$$

Then, the error for a Fourier basis approximation decreases quickly if f is in a Sobolev space of big index s.

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### Estimator by basis projection Problems related to Sobolev spaces

- If f has singularities, then it cannot belong to  $\mathbf{W}_{s}([0; 1])$  for all s > 1/2.
- The linear approximation error is localized around the discontinuities (Gibbs oscillations).
- The M first components are not necessarily the best to represent a function *f* (not the most representative)
- For linear approximation, a first answer to this issue is the Karhunen-Loeve decomposition (principal components).

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## Linear approximation Example

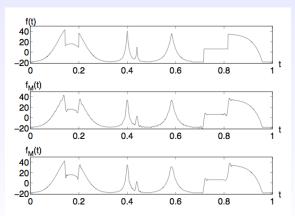


Figure 9.1: Top: Original signal f. Middle: Signal  $f_M$  approximated from lower frequency Fourier coefficients, with M/N = 0.15 and  $||f - f_M|/||f|| = 8.6310^{-2}$ . Bottom: Signal  $f_M$  approximated from larger scale Daubechies 4 wavelet coefficients, with M/N = 0.15 and  $||f - f_M|/||f|| = 8.5810^{-2}$ .

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## Nonlinear approximation

- A projection estimate takes the first vectors to estimate a function.
- A threshold estimate (nonlinear approximation) takes some vectors belonging to a general subbasis  $I_M$ :

$$f_M = \sum_{m \in I_M} \langle f, g_m \rangle g_m$$

- The indices in  $I_M$  should be chosen such that  $|\langle f, g_m \rangle|$  are big (principal structures of f), in that case the nonlinear estimate is obtained by a thresholding operation.
- The approximation error is then

$$\varepsilon(M) = \|f - f_M\|^2 = \sum_{m \notin I_M} |\langle f, g_m \rangle|^2$$

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### Nonlinear approximation Decreasing rate of the approximation error

We rearrange the basis coefficients in a decreasing order. Denote by  $f_B^r(k) = \langle f, g_{m_k} \rangle$  the k-th term of this new sequence. The first theorem relates the

approximation error when M increases to the decreasing rate of the sequence  $f_B^r(k)$ 

Let s>1/2. If there exists C>0 such that  $|f_B^r(k)|\leq Ck^{-s}$ , then

$$\sum_{k=M+1}^{+\infty} |f_B^r(k)|^2 \leq \frac{C^2}{2s-1} M^{1-2s}.$$

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#### the decreasing rate of the error to the $I^p$ -norm of f.

Let p < 2. If  $\|f\|_{B,p} < \infty$ , then

$$|f_B^r(k)| \le ||f||_{B,p} k^{-1/p}$$
 and  $\sum_{k=M+1}^{+\infty} |f_B^r(k)|^2 = o(M^{1-2/p})$ 

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### Nonlinear approximation

Combining nonlinear approximation and wavelet decomposition

- A nonlinear approximation on a wavelet basis defines an adaptative grid, so that the scale is refined around the singularities.
- It is possible to show that if the wavelet coefficients decrease fast enough, the approximation error is small.
- This is related to the study of Besov spaces

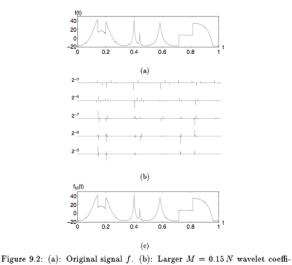
$$\mathbf{B}^{s}_{\beta,\gamma}([0;1]) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left\{ f \in L^{2}([0.1]); \ \|f\|_{s,\beta,\gamma} < \infty \right\}$$

$$\|f\|_{s,\beta,\gamma} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left( \sum_{j=-\infty}^{J+1} \left[ 2^{-j(s+0.5+1/\beta)} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{2^{-j}-1} |\langle f, \psi_{j,n} \rangle|^{\beta} \right)^{1/\beta} \right]^{\gamma} \right)^{1/\gamma}$$

( $\beta$  > 2: "uniformly regular functions",  $\beta = \gamma =$  2: Sobolev space,  $\beta$  < 2: functions with irregularities)

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## Nonlinear approximation Example

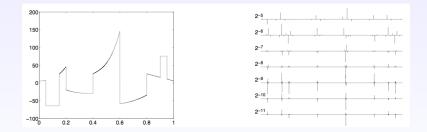


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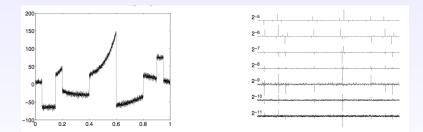
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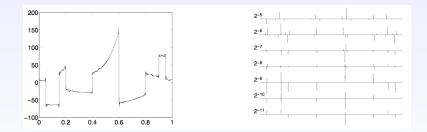
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## Some notes on denoising and deconvolution problems Remarks on the deconvolution problem

- An additive noise usually decreases rates of convergence of threshold estimates
- If the noise density is "smooth" (that is, its Fourier transform decays polynomially to 0), then the deconvolution can be done at standard rates.
- On the other hand, if the noise density is supersmooth (eg, gaussian), the convergence rates decrease.
- If furthermore, we know nothing on the variance of the noise, then the rates of convergence drastically decrease (relate to Wiener filter).

Thank You !

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