



# FOUNDATION OF SENSOR SIGNAL PROCESSING (II)

## FEATURE EXTRACTION IN TIME-FREQUENCY DOMAIN

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# Module objective

**Module:** Time-frequency feature extraction for signal processing

## Knowledge and understanding

- Understand the fundamentals of time-frequency domain signal representation, transformation, feature extraction, such as Fourier transformation and wavelet transformation

## Key skills

- Design, build, implement and evaluate time-frequency feature extraction methods for signal processing



# Major reference

- [Introduction] Steven W. Smith, ***The Scientist and Engineer's Guide to Digital Signal Processing***, available at <http://www.dspguide.com>
- [Practical] J. Unpingco, ***Python for Signal Processing: Featuring IPython Notebooks***, 2014, <https://github.com/unpingco/Python-for-Signal-Processing>
- [Practical] A. B. Downey, ***Think DSP: Digital Signal Processing in Python***, <https://github.com/AllenDowney/ThinkDSP>



# Topics

- Introduction to feature extraction in time-frequency domain of sensor signal
- Fourier transformation
- Wavelet transformation

Intelligent sensing and sense making	
Physical Domain (our focus)	Business Domain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sensor-driven systems, e.g. robots, drones</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-sensor data, e.g. transactions, customer data</li><li>• Also need sensor data (e.g., location, contact tracing, etc)</li></ul>

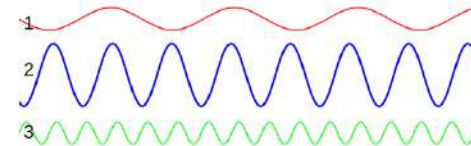


# Recap: Signal

- A mechanism for conveying information
  - Gestures, traffic lights..



- Electrical engineering: Currents, voltages



- Digital signals: Ordered collections of numbers that convey information, about a real world phenomenon, such as sounds, images



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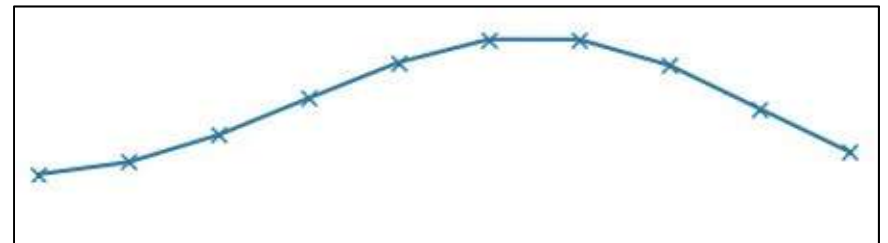
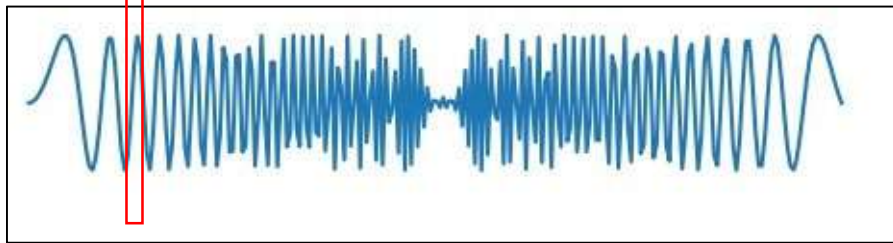
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# Signal: Audio

- A sequence of numbers
  - The order in which the numbers occur is important
  - Represent a perceivable sound

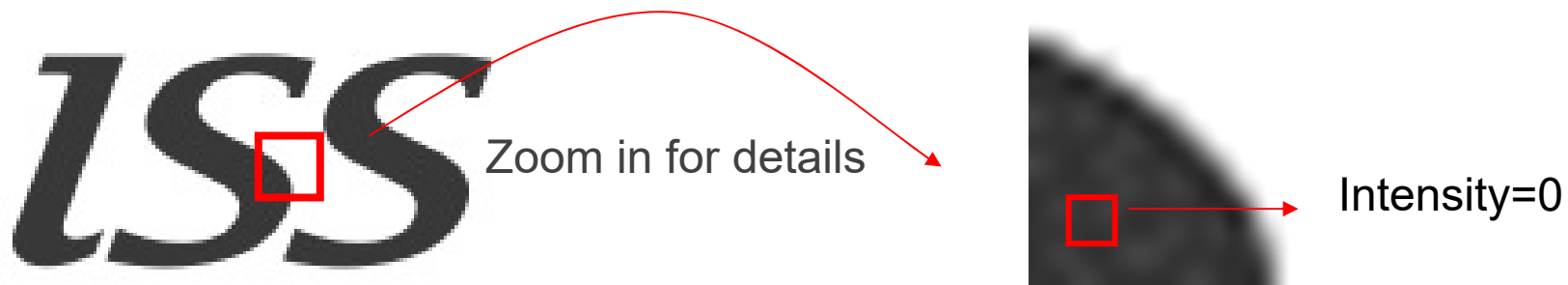
Zoom in for details





# Signal: Image

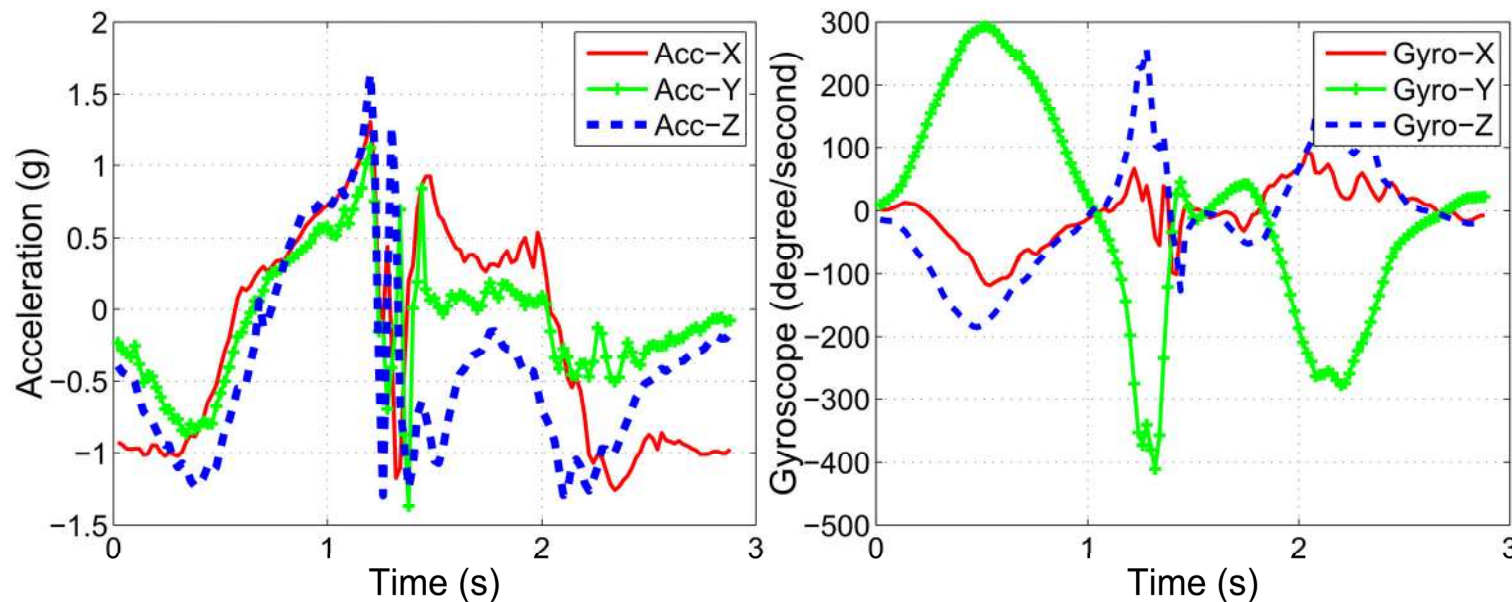
- A rectangular arrangement (matrix) of numbers
  - sets of numbers (for color images)
- Each pixel represents a visual representation of one of these numbers
  - E.g., 0 is minimum / black, 1 is maximum / white
  - Position / order is important





# Signal: Wearable sensor signal

- Human activity classification using wearable sensory data.
- The UTD-MHAD dataset was collected using a wearable inertial sensor in an indoor environment. The dataset contains 27 actions performed by 8 subjects (4 females and 4 males). Each subject repeated each action 4 times. The inertial sensor signals were recorded using the inertial sensor signals (3-axis acceleration and 3-axis rotation signals).

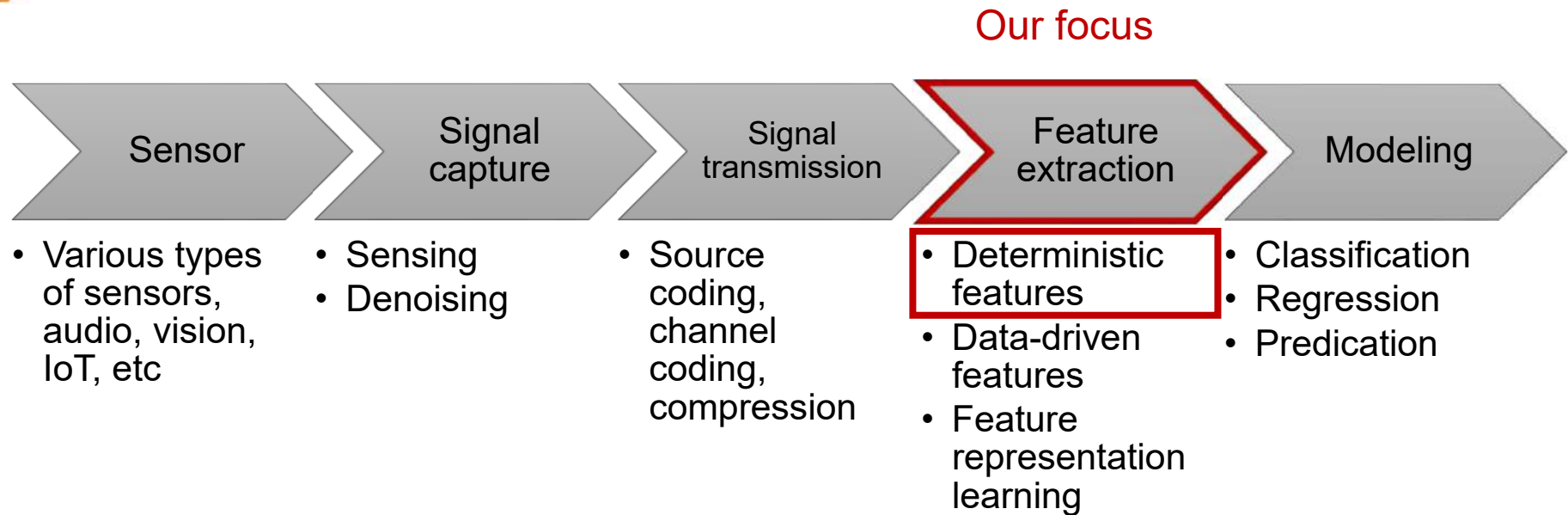


Reference: <https://personal.utdallas.edu/~kehtar/UTD-MHAD.html>





# Signal processing pipeline



**Signal representation/Feature extraction** (similar to feature engineering) uses mathematical transformations of raw input data to create new features to be used for further machine learning models.

- Use unstructured data sources
- Create features that are more easily interpreted
- Enhance creativity by using large sets of features

Reference: Chapter 5 Feature engineering, H. Brink, J. W. Richards, M. Fetherolf, Real-world machine learning, Manning, 2017.



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# Time-frequency analysis of signal

One of top 10 algorithms in 20<sup>th</sup> century!

1. Metropolis algorithm for Monte Carlo
2. Simplex method for linear programming
3. Krylov subspace iteration
4. Decomposition approach to matrix computation (Singular value)
5. The Fortran compiler
6. QR algorithm for eigenvalues
7. Quick sort
8. **Fast Fourier transform**
9. Integer relation detection
10. Fast multipole

# Signal decomposition

Intuition: Describe this image so that a listener can visualize what you are describing.

- Pixel-based descriptions are uninformative
- Content-based descriptions are infeasible in the general case



Source: <https://cellcode.us/quotes/and-parable-blind-men-elephant.html>

# Signal decomposition

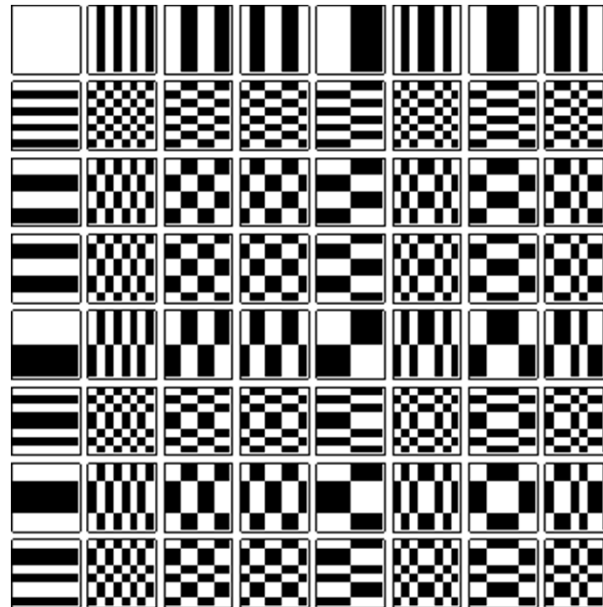
Objective: Decompose signal into 'basis', which is determined by certain frequency.

- Image signal decomposition: Checkerboard basis
- Images have some fast varying regions. For example, a first checkerboard picture with constant color. A second checkerboard picture that has fast changes
- How about more checkerboard?

Input image



A set of basis (checkerboard)



Note: The images are NOT visualized in the actual scale.

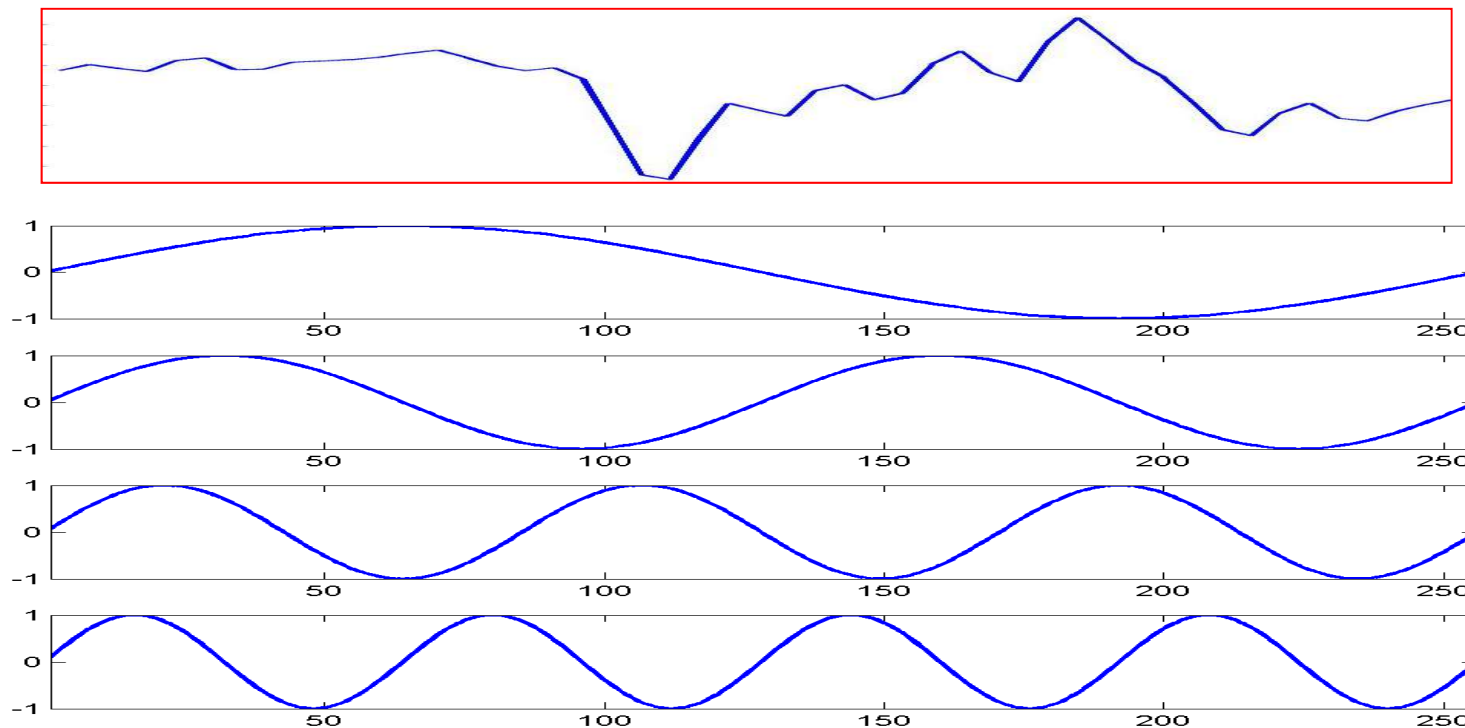
Reference: Hamamard basis image, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadamard\\_transform](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadamard_transform)



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- Sound: Sinusoids basis
- They are orthogonal
- They can represent rounded shapes nicely.





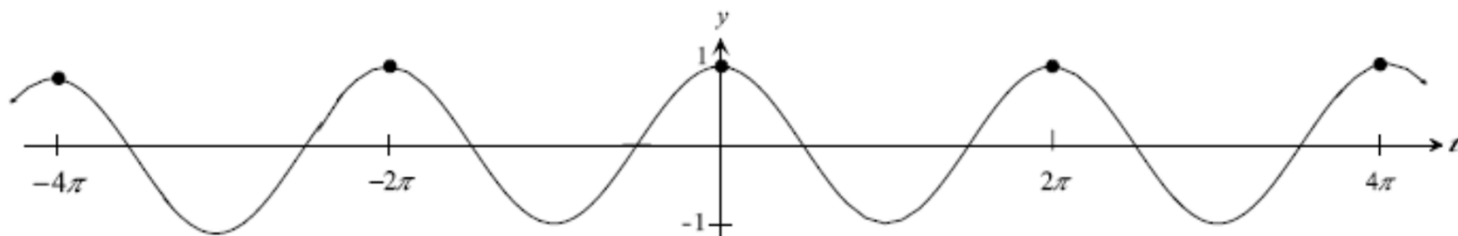
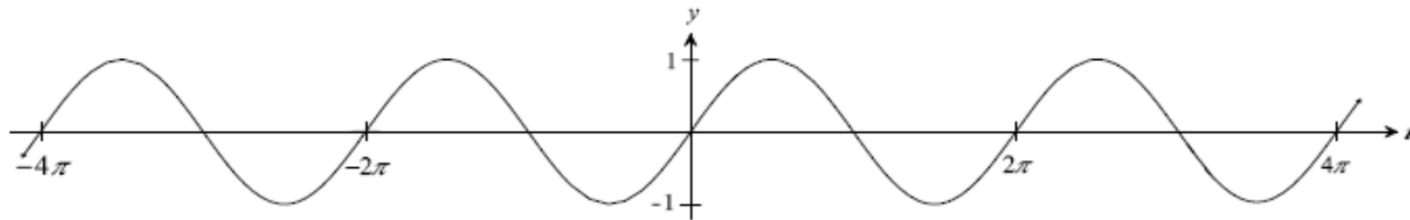
# Sine and Cosine functions

- Periodic functions
- General form of sine and cosine functions:

$ A $	amplitude
$\frac{2\pi}{ \alpha }$	period
$b$	phase shift

$$y(t) = A \sin(\alpha t + b) \qquad y(t) = A \cos(\alpha t + b)$$

Example:  $A = 1, b = 0, \alpha = 1$     period =  $2\pi$

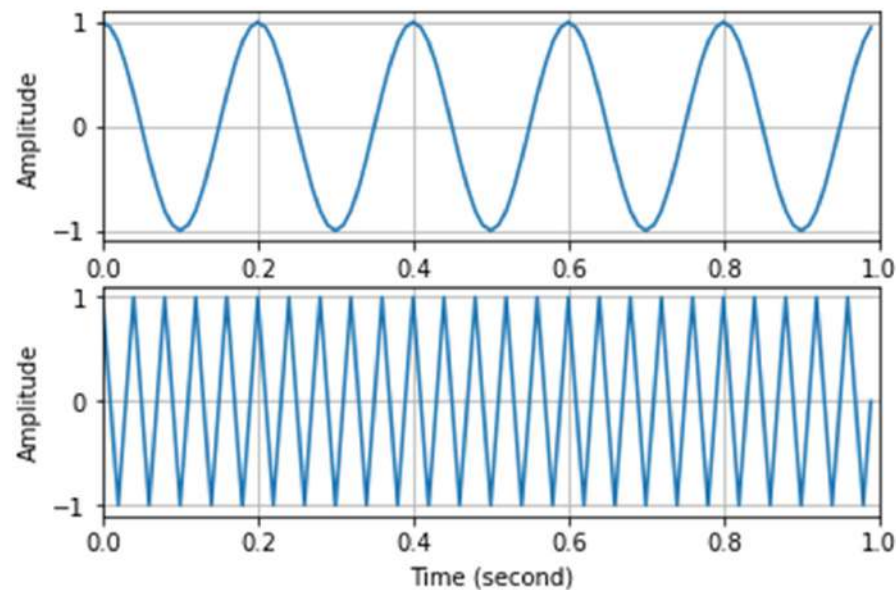


# Fourier analysis

Example: FFT function in SciPy, <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/tutorial/fft.html>

$$f(t) = \cos(2\pi \cdot 5 \cdot t)$$

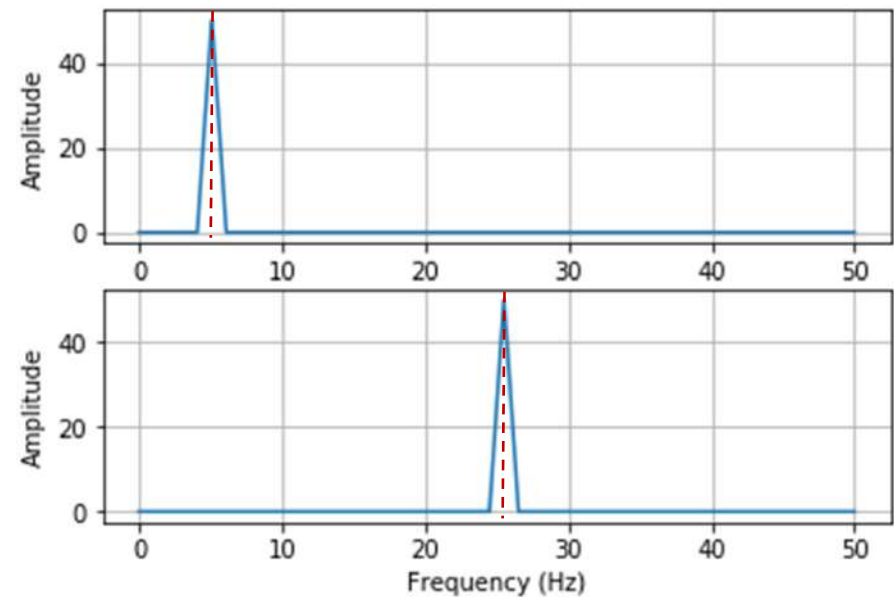
Original signal in time domain



$$f(t) = \cos(2\pi \cdot 25 \cdot t)$$

The 5<sup>th</sup> basis function has the peak

Fourier domain



The 25<sup>th</sup> basis function has the peak

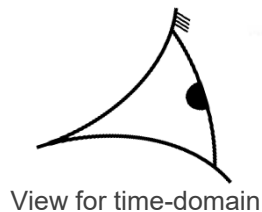
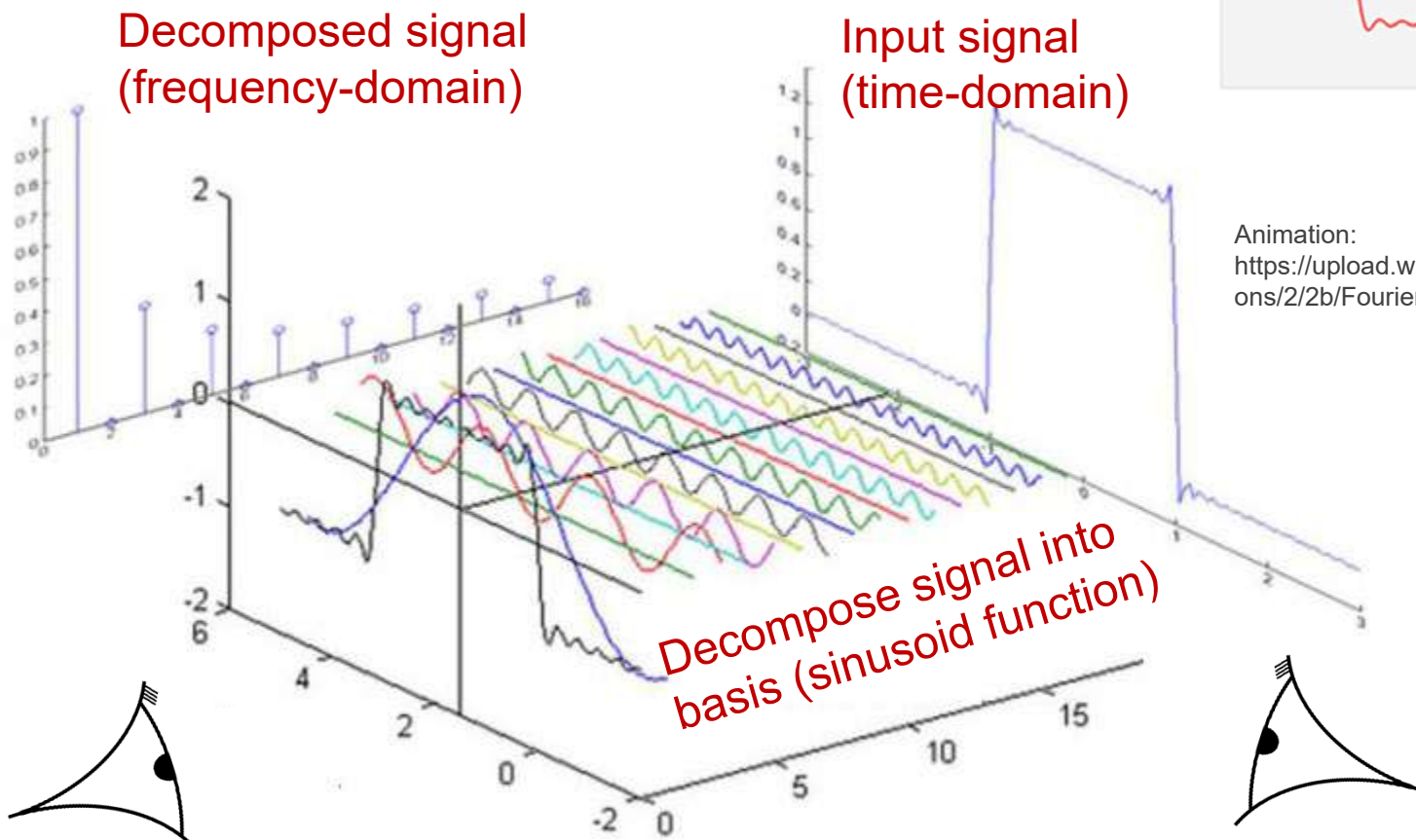


# Signal decomposition

Idea: Decompose the input signal from the time domain into a set of basis (that are sinusoid functions) to obtain the decomposed signal in the frequency domain.



Animation:  
[https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/2b/Fourier\\_series\\_and\\_transform.gif](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/2b/Fourier_series_and_transform.gif)



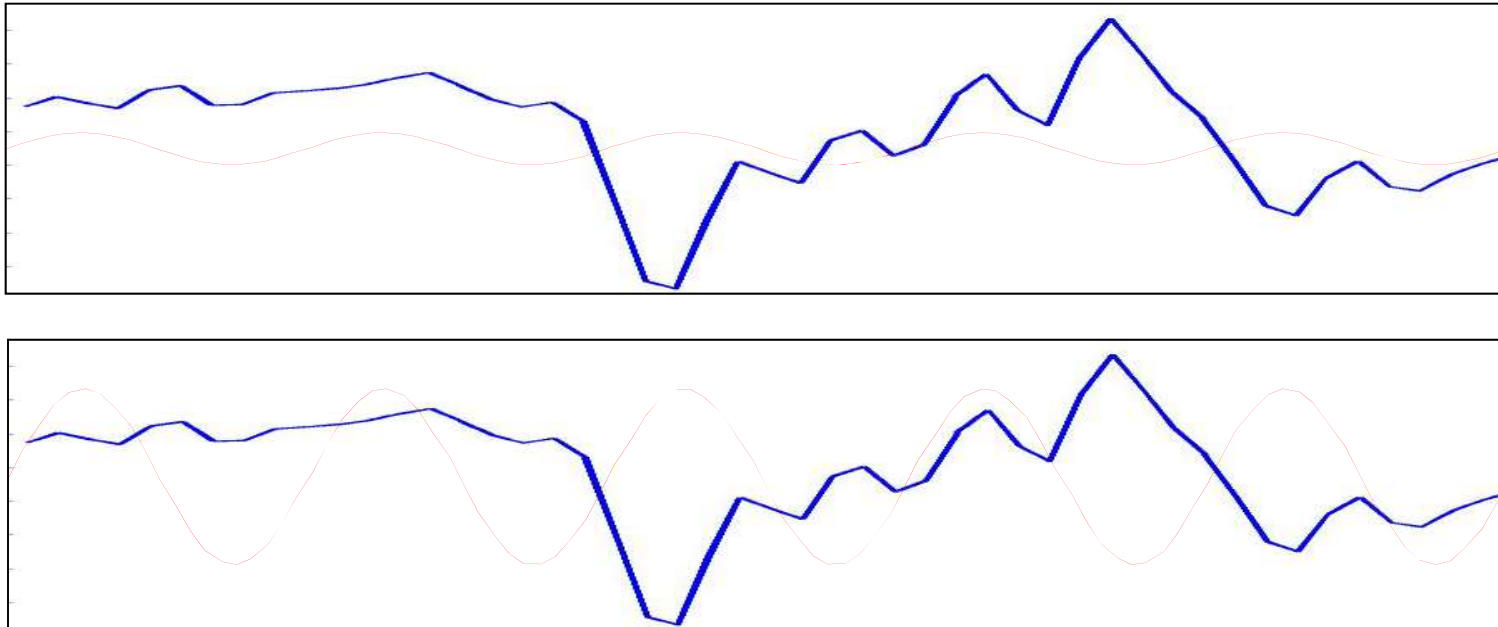
View for time-domain



View for frequency-domain



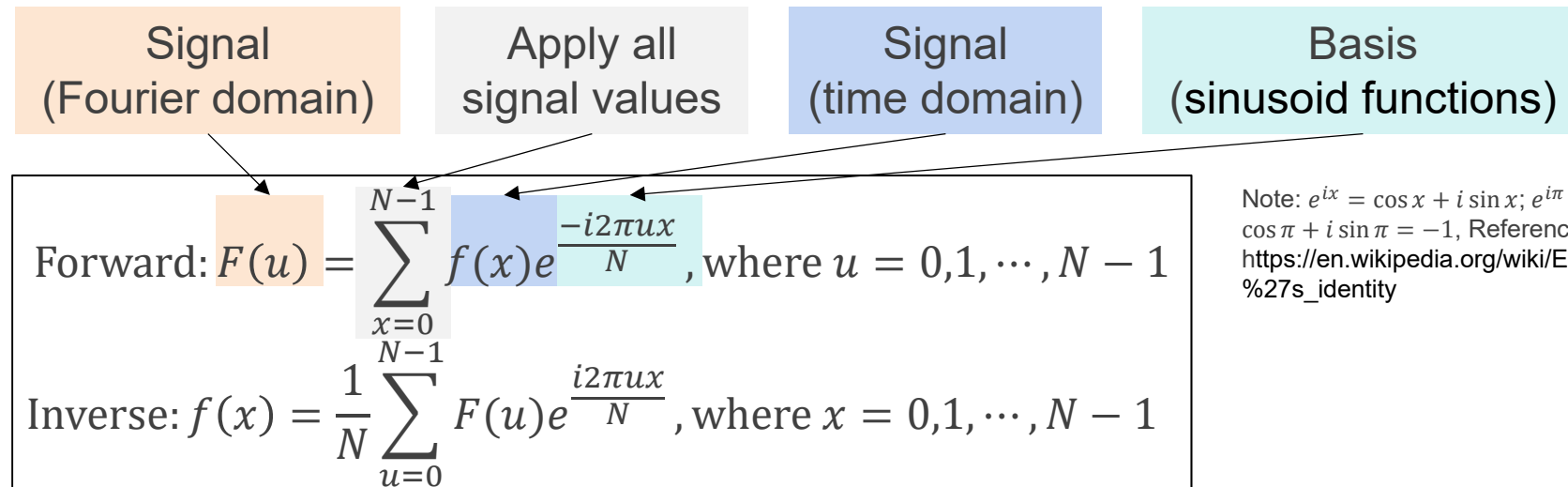
# Signal decomposition as optimization



Decompose signal (blue plot) into a set of sinusoid functions (red plot)

- Idea 1: Each sinusoid's amplitude is adjusted until it gives the smallest error. The amplitude is the weight of the sinusoid.
- Idea 2: Move the sinusoid left/right, and at each shift, try all amplitudes. Find the combination of amplitude and phase that results in the smallest error.

# Fourier analysis



## Example

- Signal:  $f(x) = [2, 3, 4, 4]$
- Fourier coefficients:  $F(u) = [13, (-2 + i), -1, (-2 - i)]$ , where  $i$  is the imaginary unit

$$F(0) = \sum_{x=0}^3 f(x) e^{\frac{-i2\pi 0x}{4}} = 2 + 3 + 4 + 4 = 13$$

$$F(1) = \sum_{x=0}^3 f(x) e^{\frac{-i2\pi x}{4}} = 2e^0 + 3e^{-i\pi/2} + 4e^{-i\pi} + 4e^{-i3\pi/2} = -2 + i$$

$$F(2) = \sum_{x=0}^3 f(x) e^{\frac{-i4\pi x}{4}} = 2e^0 + 3e^{-i\pi} + 4e^{-i2\pi} + 4e^{-i3\pi} = -1$$

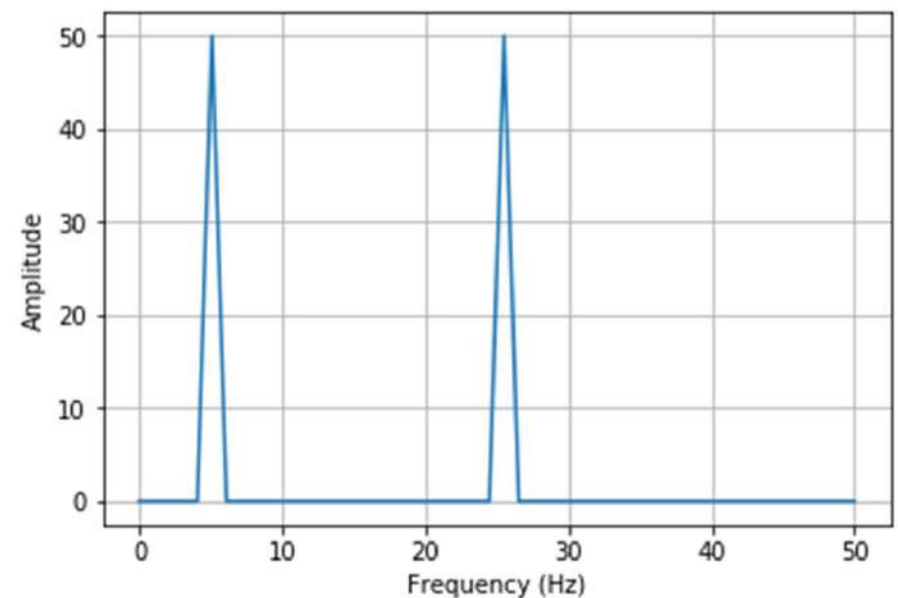
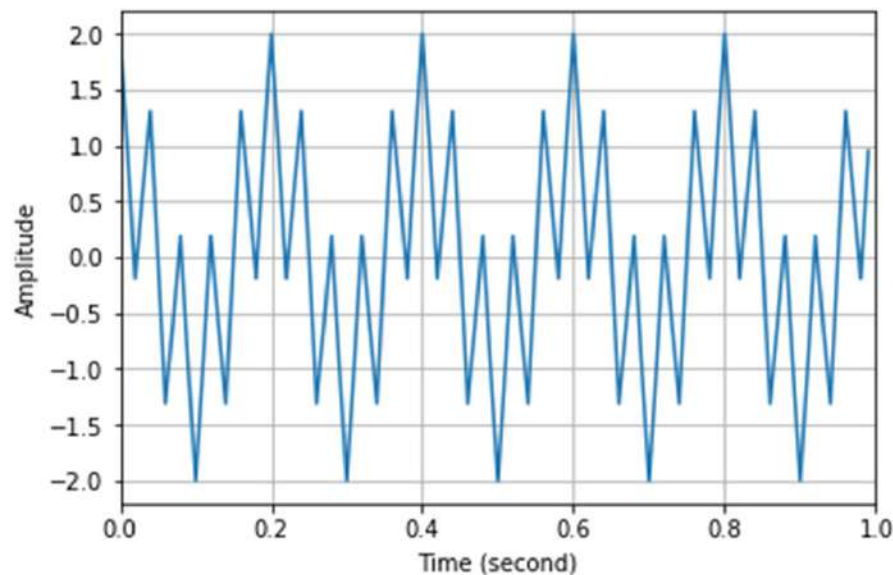
$$F(3) = \sum_{x=0}^3 f(x) e^{\frac{-i6\pi x}{4}} = 2e^0 + 3e^{-i3\pi/2} + 4e^{-i3\pi} + 4e^{-i9\pi/2} = -2 - i$$



**What is the Fourier Transform? A visual introduction**  
 A 20-minute video tutorial on  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spUNpyF58BY>  
 4.4 millions views since January 2018

# Fourier analysis

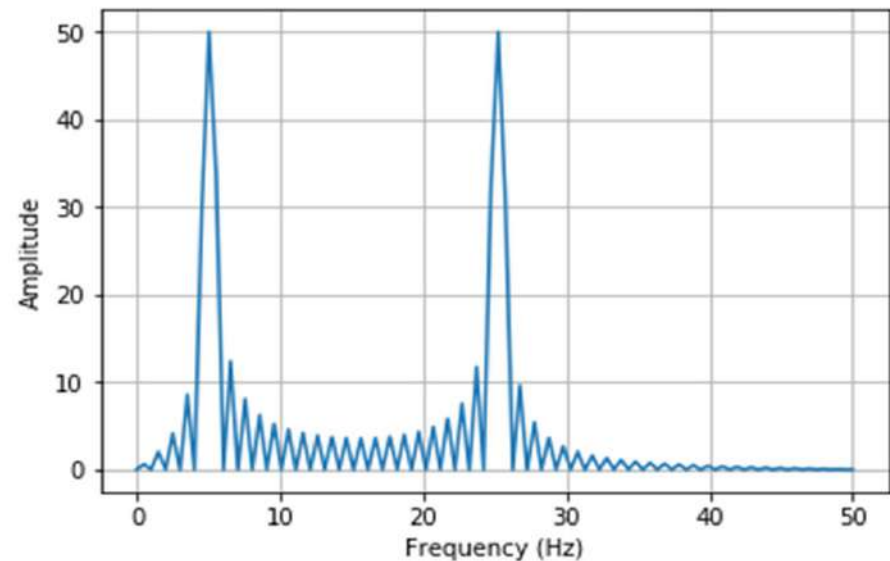
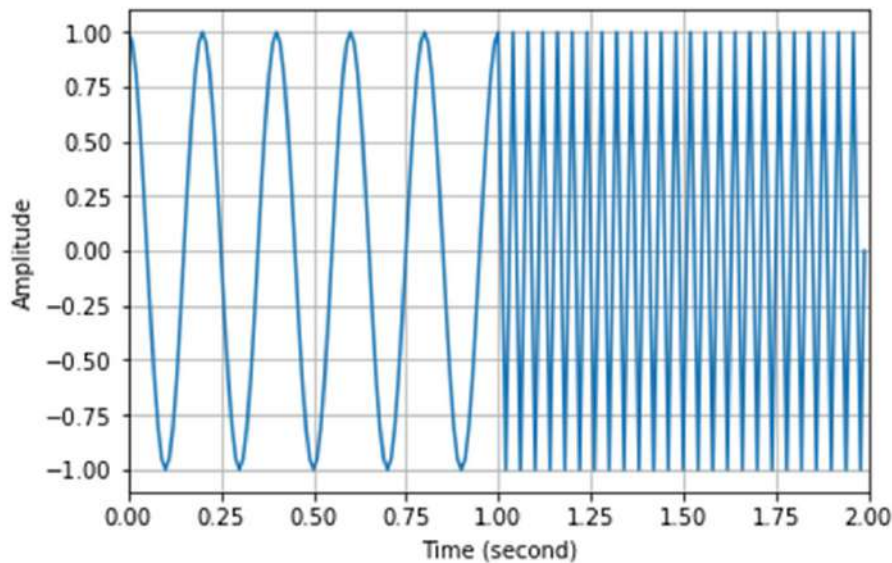
**Challenge:** Provides good localization in the frequency domain but poor localization in the time domain. Has knowledge of what frequencies exist, but no information about where these frequencies are located in time.



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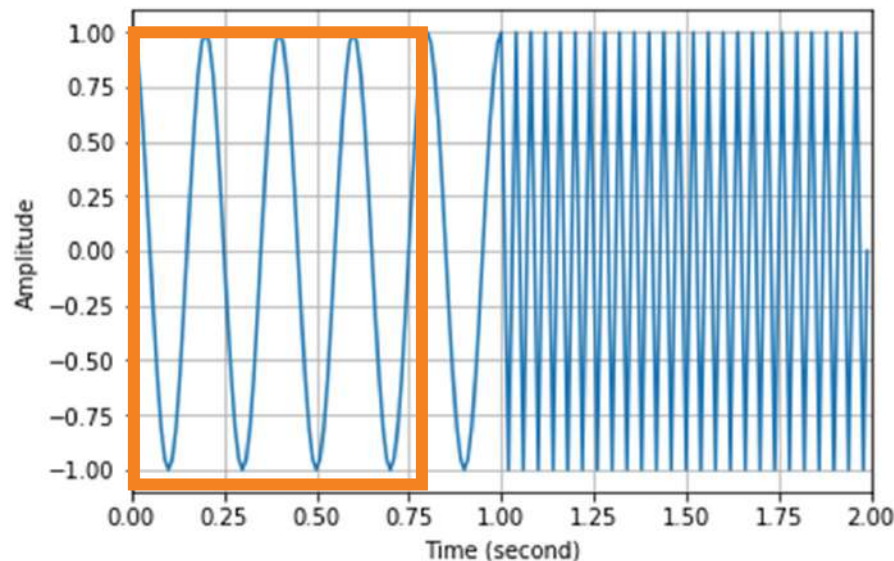


$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \cos(2\pi \cdot 5 \cdot t) & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ \cos(2\pi \cdot 25 \cdot t) & 1 \leq t < 2 \end{cases}$$



# Short time Fourier transform

- Segment the signal into narrow time intervals (i.e., narrow enough to be considered stationary) and take the Fourier transform of each segment.
- Each Fourier transform provides the spectral information of a separate time-slice of the signal, providing simultaneous time and frequency information.

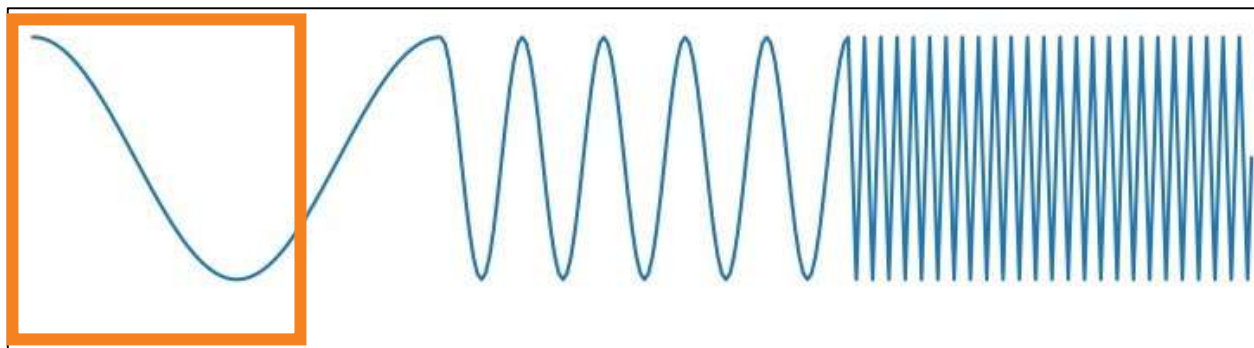






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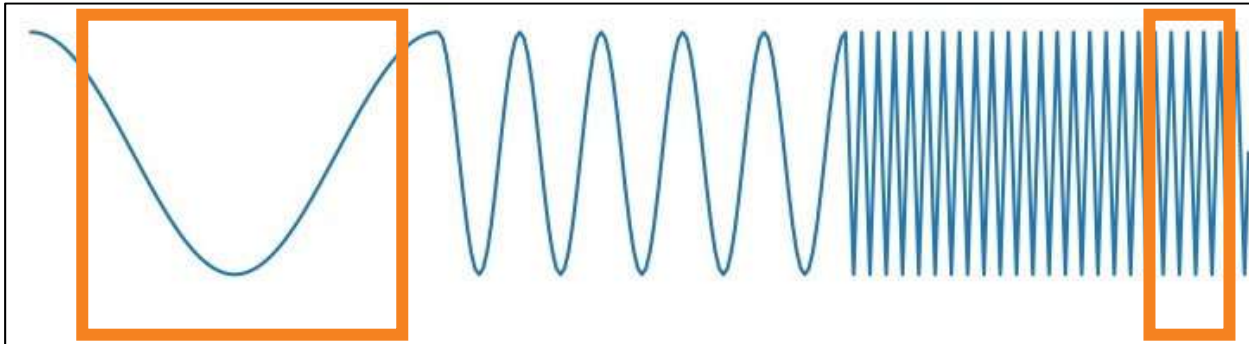
- Choose a window function of finite length
- Place the window on start of the signal
- Truncate the signal using this window
- Compute Fourier transform of the truncated signal
- Incrementally slide the window to the right
- Repeat until window reaches the end of the signal





# Short time Fourier transform

- A compromise between time-based and frequency-based views of a signal. The precision is determined by the **size of the window**.
  - Wide window: good frequency resolution, poor time resolution. Wider windows are more appropriate at low frequencies
  - Narrow window: good time resolution, poor frequency resolution. Narrower windows are more appropriate at high frequencies.







# Topics

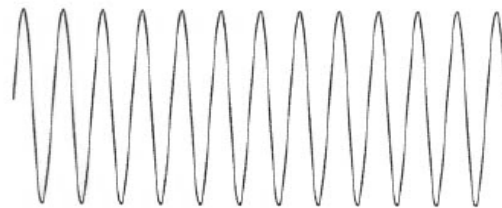
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# What is a wavelet?

- A function that “waves” above and below the x-axis with the following properties
  - Varying frequency
  - Limited duration
- This is in contrast to sinusoids, used by Fourier transform, which have infinite duration and constant frequency.

Sinusoid

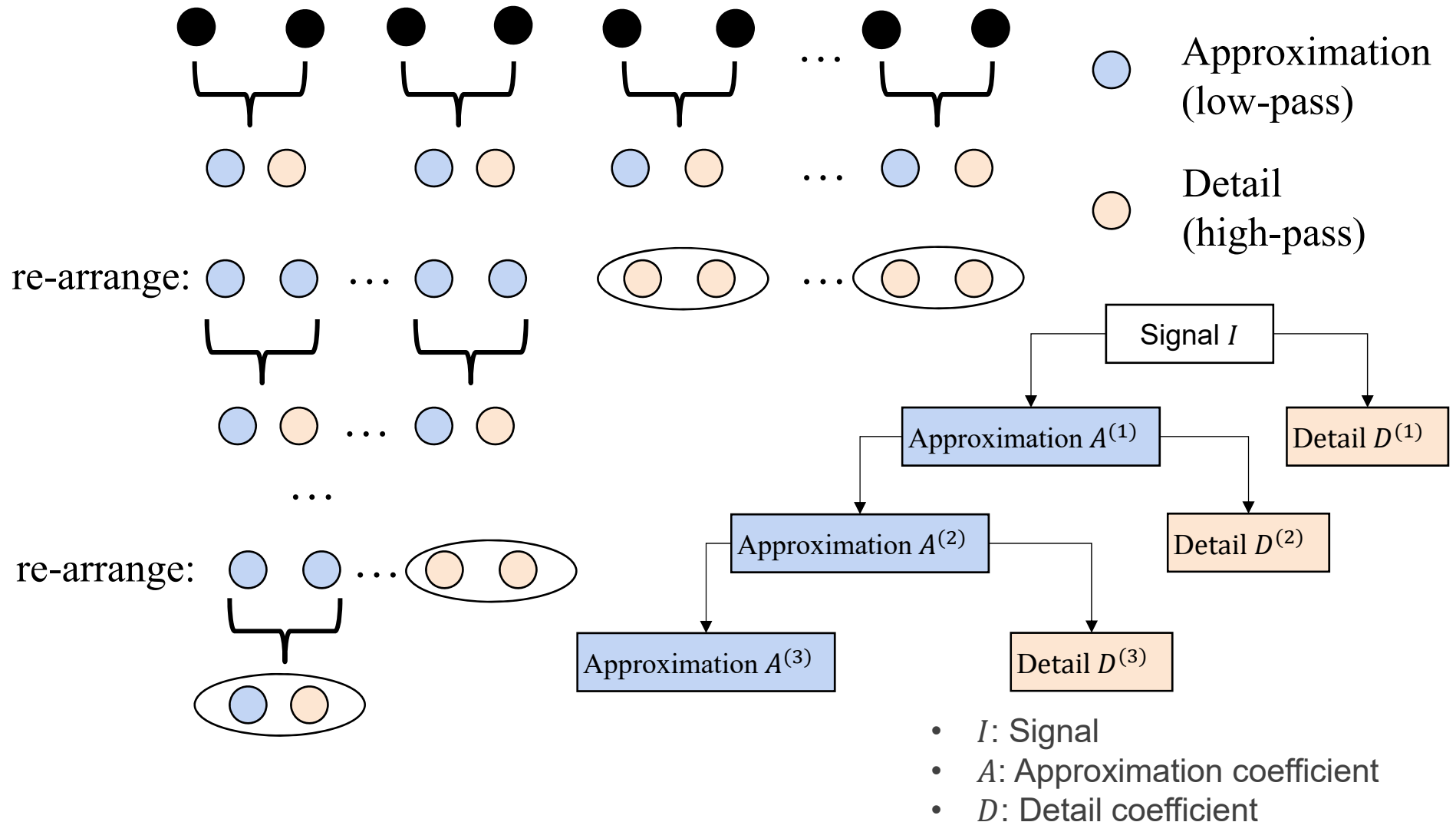


Wavelet





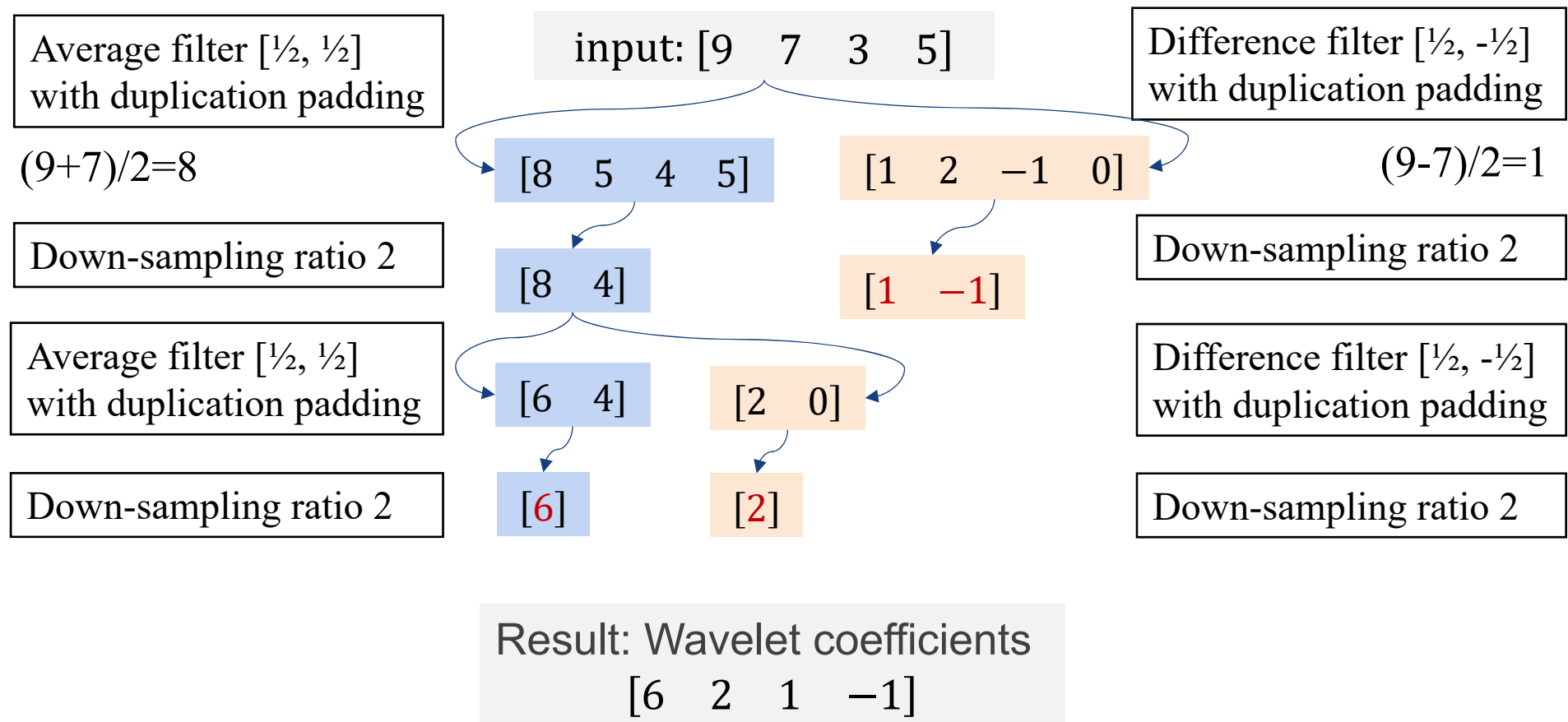
# Overview: Signal decomposition





# Example 1: Decomposition

- Decompose signal by averaging and subsampling the signal together to get new approximation coefficients and detail coefficients.
- Note: Haar wavelet is used in this example. There are many other types of wavelet (choices of filters, see slide 32) in the literature.



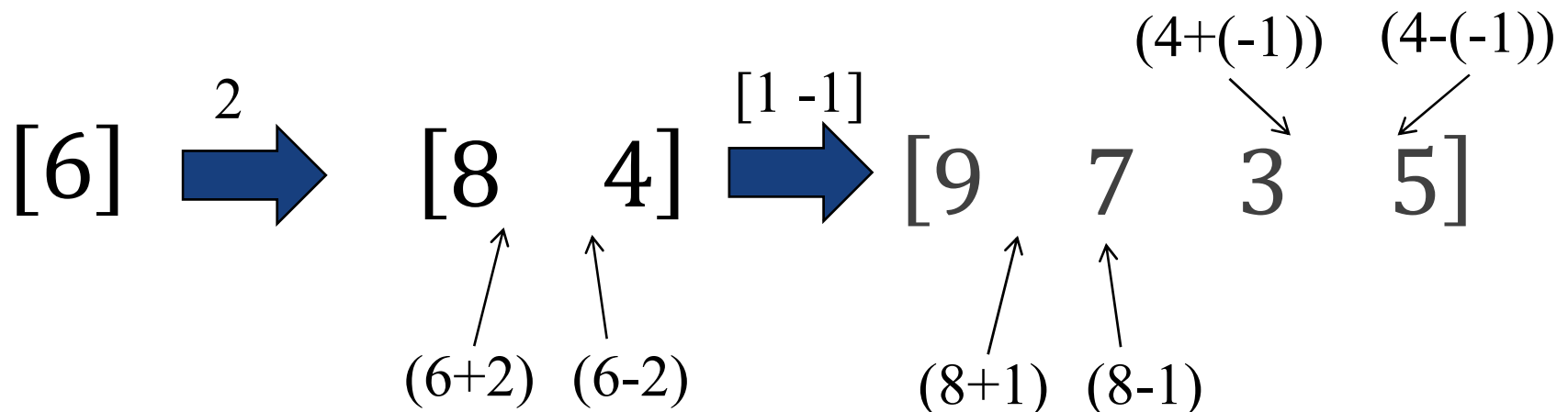


# Example 1: Reconstruction

- The original signal can be reconstructed by **adding** or **subtracting** the detail coefficients from the approximation coefficients.

Given the wavelet coefficients (obtained in previous slide)

$$[6 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad -1]$$

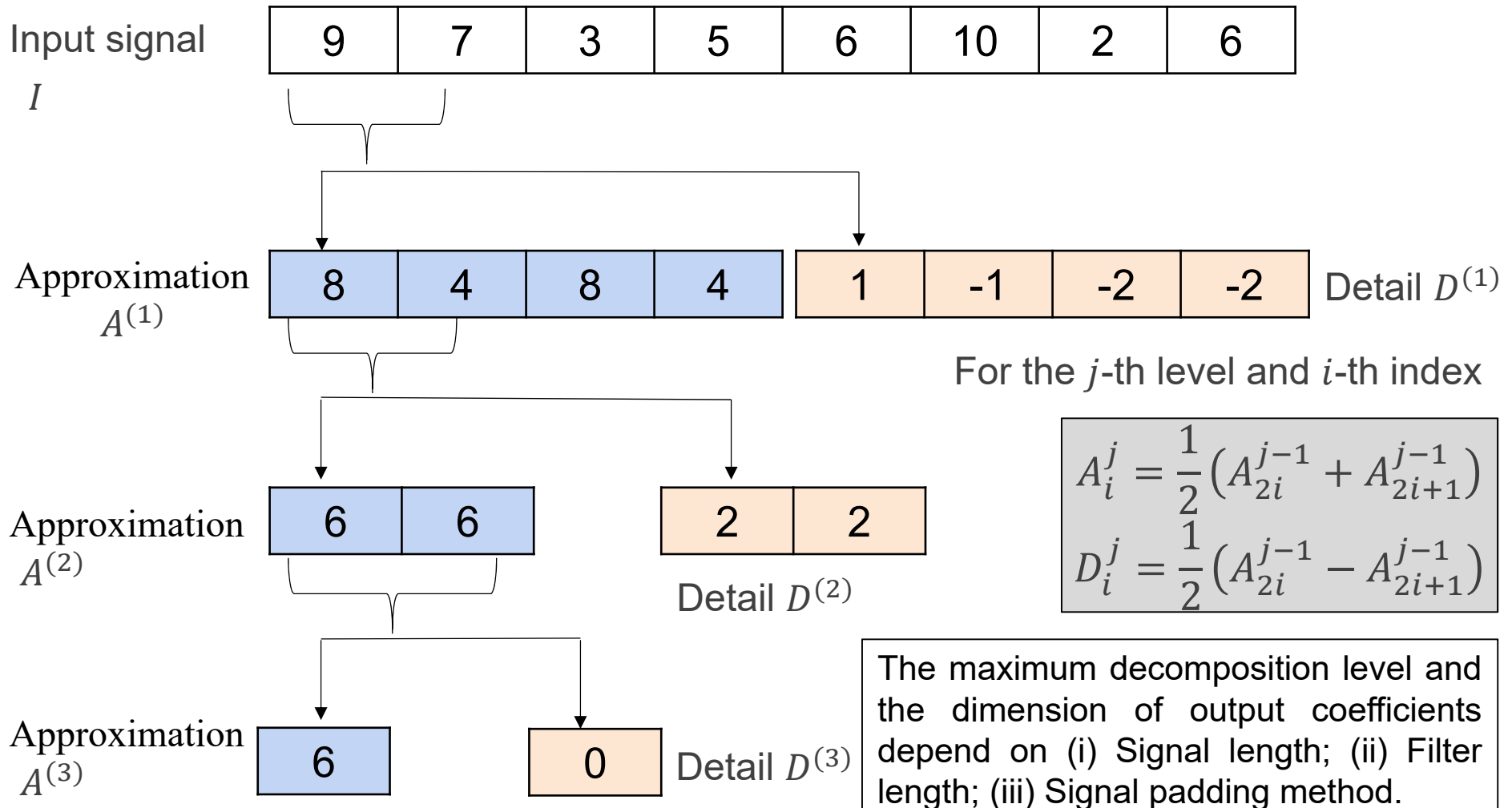


Note: This process is only applicable for the example in the previous slide. Other types of wavelet filters will have different calculation processes.



## Example 2: Signal decomposition

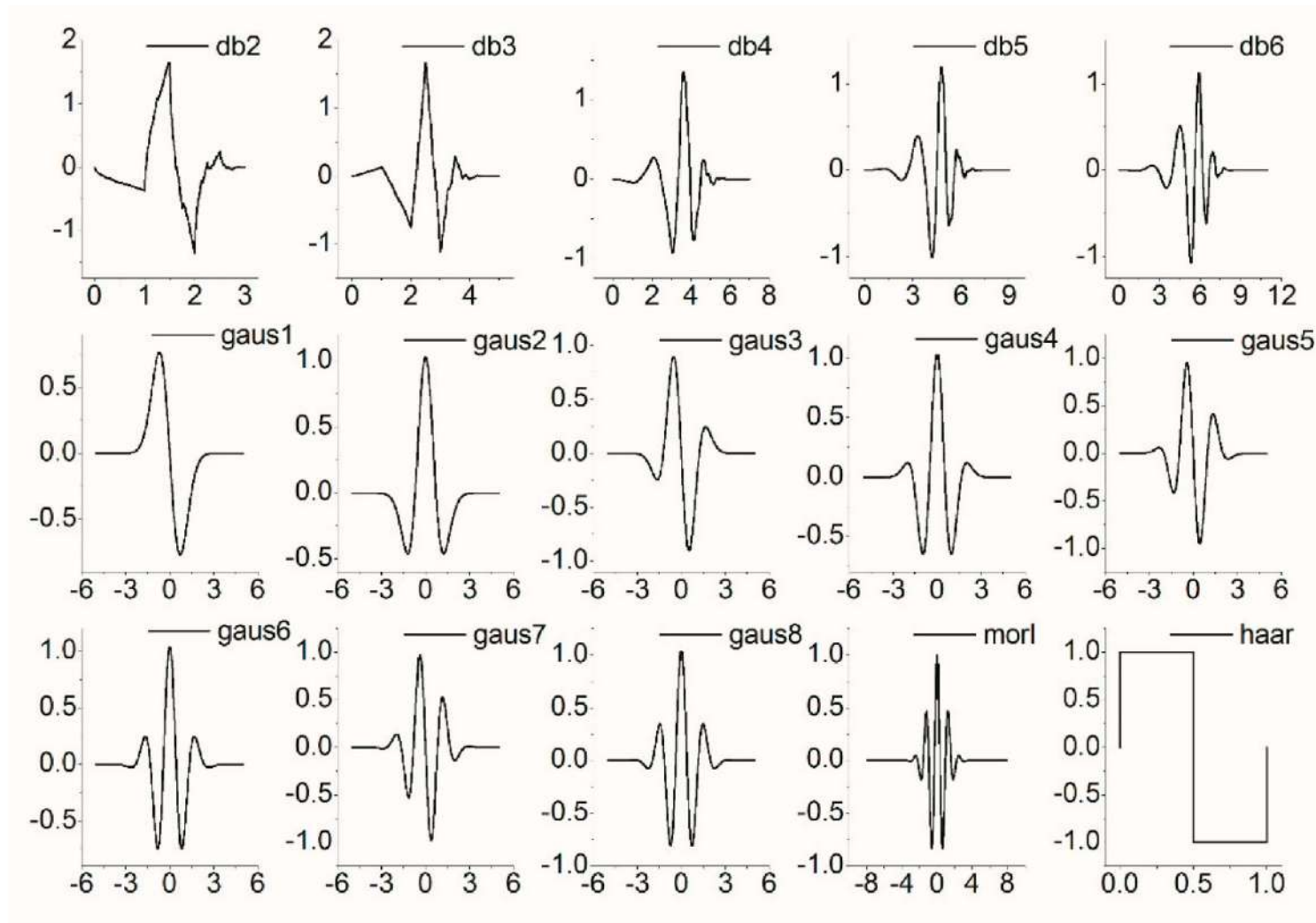
- The detail layer is produced by convolving with  $[\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}]$  (then subsampling)
- The approximate layer is produced by convolving with  $[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$  (then subsampling)



Reference: <https://pywavelets.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ref/dwt-discrete-wavelet-transform.html#maximum-decomposition-level-dwt-max-level-dwt-n-max-level>



# Wavelet: Other choice of filters

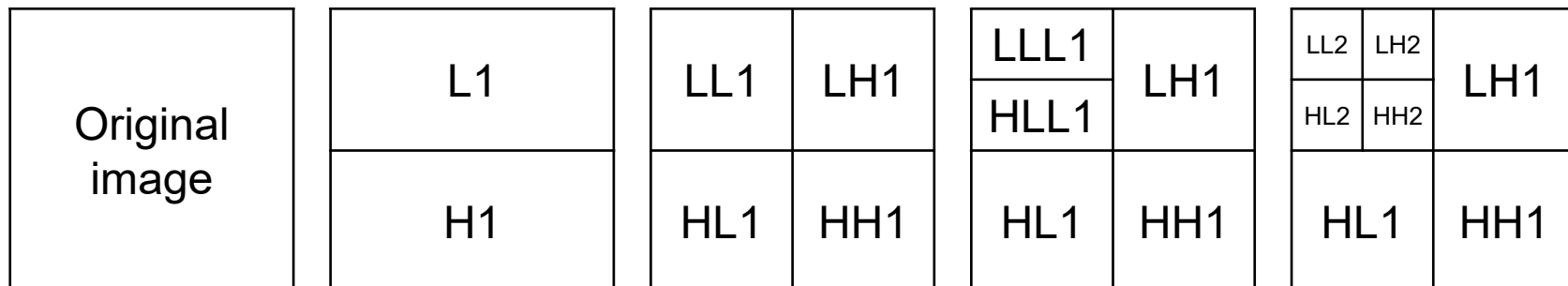


Source: C. Xia and C. Liu, "Identification and Representation of Multi-Pulse Near-Fault Strong Ground Motion Using Adaptive Wavelet Transform," Applied Sciences, Vol. 9, No. 2, pp. 259, 2019, <https://www.mdpi.com/2076-3417/9/2/259>



# 2D wavelet transformation

- **LL**: The upper left quadrant is filtered by the analysis low-pass filter along the rows and then filtered along the corresponding columns with the analysis low-pass filter. It represents the approximated version of the original at half the resolution.
- **HL/LH**: The lower left and the upper right blocks are filtered along the rows and columns with low-pass filter and high-pass filter, alternatively. The LH block contains vertical edges. In contrast, the HL blocks shows horizontal edges.
- **HH**: The lower right quadrant is derived analogously to the upper left quadrant but with the use of the analysis high pass filter, where we find edges of the original image in diagonal direction.



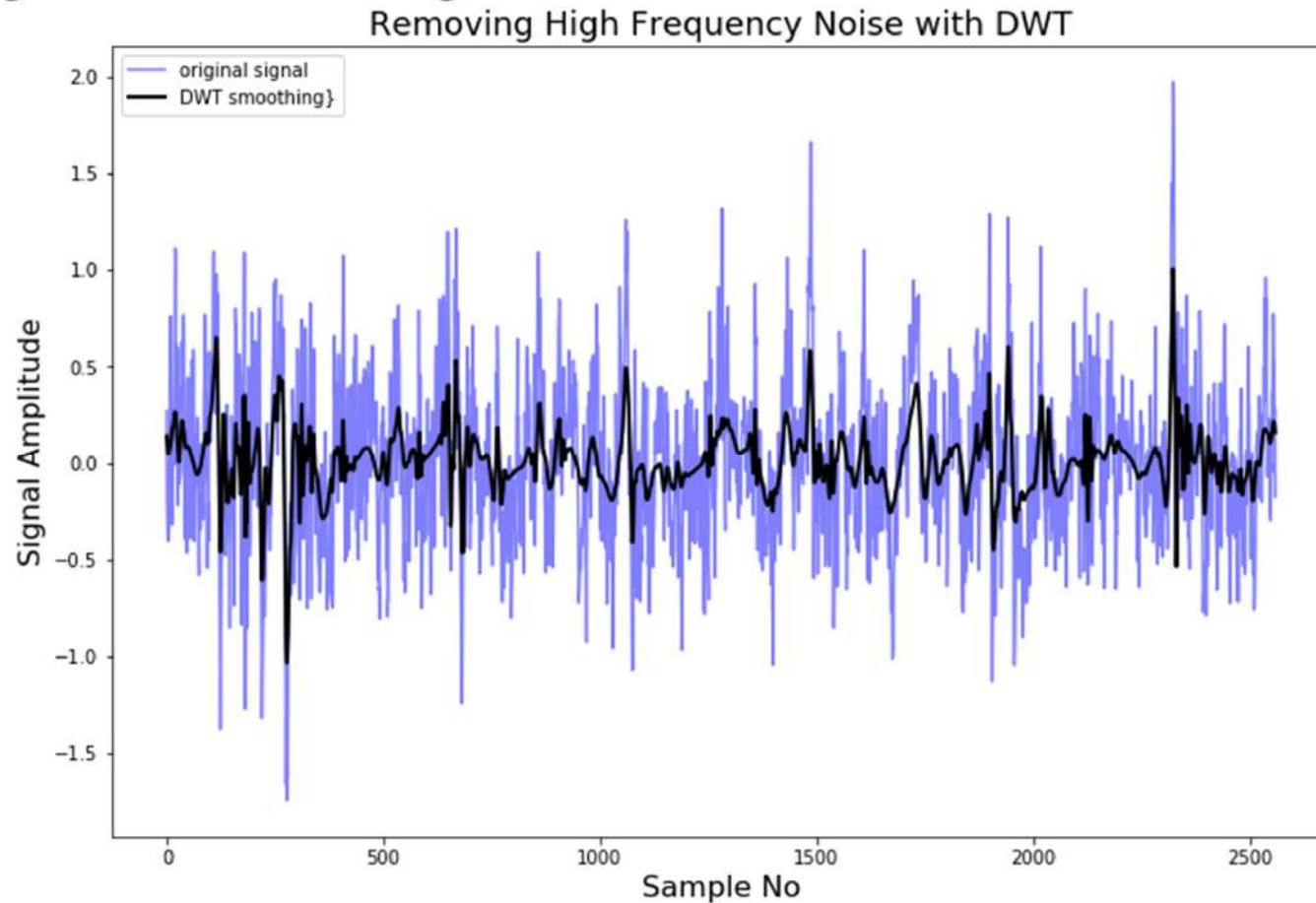
L: Low-pass filter, H: High-pass filter





# Wavelet application: Denoising

- Signal denoising



Reference: <http://ataspinar.com/2018/12/21/a-guide-for-using-the-wavelet-transform-in-machine-learning/>



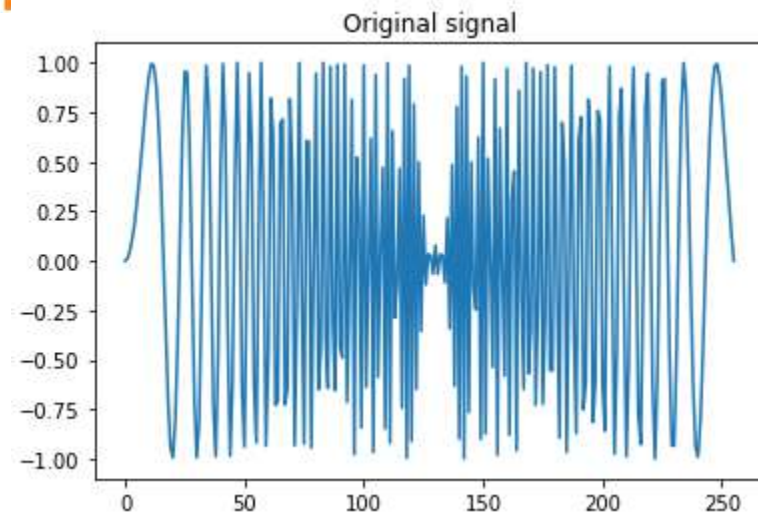
## Wavelet application: Feature extraction

- Perform wavelet transformation on signal
- Extract statistical features
  - Auto-regressive model coefficient values
  - Statistical features like variance, mean, median, etc.
- Perform signal classification or other machine learning tasks

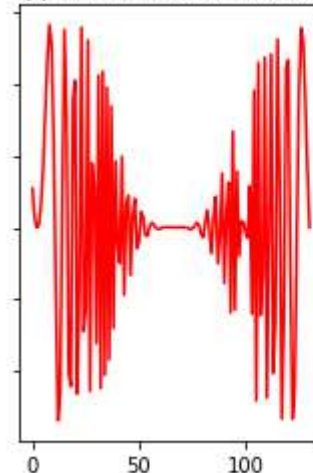
## Objective

- Perform wavelet decomposition on signal
- Perform wavelet-based signal denoising
- Extract statistical features from wavelet coefficients from wearable sensor data, and then perform classification for human activity classification

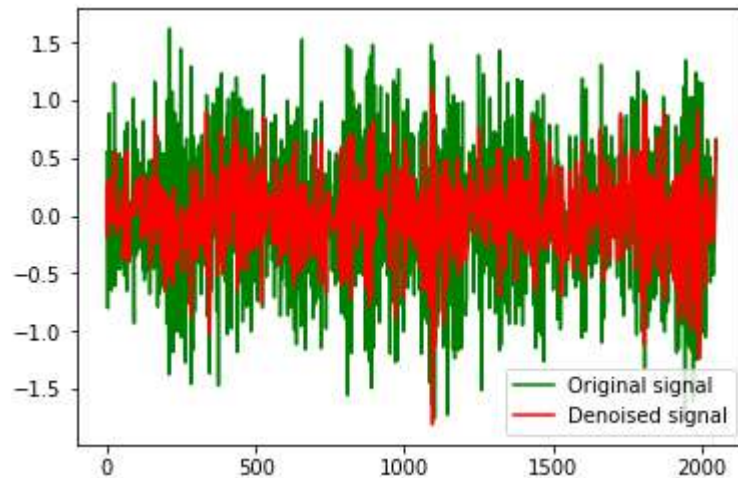
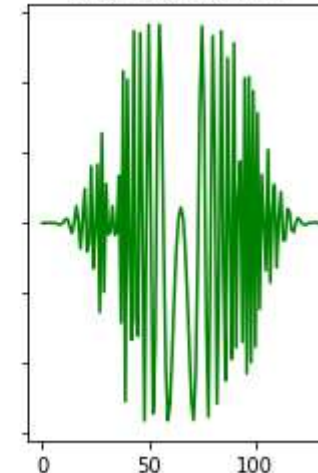
# Workshop



Approximation coefficients



Detail coefficients



## Human Activity Recognition Using Smartphones Data Set

- Each person performed six activities (WALKING, WALKING\_UPSTAIRS, WALKING\_DOWNSTAIRS, SITTING, STANDING, LAYING) wearing a smartphone (Samsung Galaxy S II) on the waist. Using its embedded accelerometer and gyroscope, we captured 3-axial linear acceleration and 3-axial angular velocity at a constant rate of 50Hz.
- Reference:  
<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Human+Activity+Recognition+Using+Smartphones>



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