Wavelet Reconstruction for LSTM Temporal Modeling

# Theoretical Foundation

Wavelet decomposition transforms sensor data into multi-resolution frequency components while preserving temporal information. The process begins with a discrete wavelet transform (DWT) applied to each sensor signal *x(t)*:  
  
x(t) = cAn + **∑** cDk  
  
where cAn represents approximation coefficients (low-frequency trends) and cDk are detail coefficients (higher-frequency components) at level n. We reconstruct each component band to precisely match the original temporal dimension through inverse wavelet transforms. For any band Bi (whether cAn or cDk):  
  
Bi(t) = waverec([0,…,0,Ci,0,…,0])  
  
This reconstruction yields a time-aligned signal Bi(t) with identical length and timestamp alignment as the original x(t). The reconstructed bands create an enhanced feature matrix where each timestamp t contains multi-resolution components:  
  
⎡ cA₃ᵗᵉᵐᵖ(t) cD₃ᵗᵉᵐᵖ(t) ⋯ cD₁ᵖʰ(t) ⎤  
⎢ cA₃ᵗᵉᵐᵖ(t+1) cD₃ᵗᵉᵐᵖ(t+1) ⋯ cD₁ᵖʰ(t+1) ⎥  
⎣ ⋮ ⋮ ⋱ ⋮ ⎦  
  
This structure maintains chronological ordering while decomposing each sensor into frequency-specific temporal patterns. For LSTM ingestion, we format these into sequence samples using sliding windows:  
  
Xi = [Bi(t) Bi(t+1) ⋯ Bi(t+T-1)]ᵀ  
  
yielding the 3D tensor format [samples, timesteps, features]. This multi-scale representation empowers LSTMs to simultaneously learn from immediate sensor reactions (via high-frequency bands) and long-term physiological trends (via low-frequency components).

# Code Implementation

## 1. Band Reconstruction Process

# Reconstruct each frequency band to temporal domain  
band\_signals = {}  
for i in range(len(coeffs)):  
 coeffs\_band = [np.zeros\_like(c) for c in coeffs] # Initialize  
 coeffs\_band[i] = denoised\_coeffs[i] # Insert target band  
 band\_signal = pywt.waverec(coeffs\_band, wavelet\_name) # Inverse transform  
   
 # Ensure temporal alignment  
 if len(band\_signal) > len(original\_signal):  
 band\_signal = band\_signal[:len(original\_signal)]  
 elif len(band\_signal) < len(original\_signal):  
 band\_signal = np.pad(band\_signal, (0, len(original\_signal)-len(band\_signal)), 'constant')  
   
 band\_type = f"cA\_{level}" if i==0 else f"cD\_{level-i+1}"  
 band\_signals[band\_type] = band\_signal

### Table 1: Band Reconstruction Characteristics

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| Band Type | Frequency Range | Temporal Characteristics | Dimension Handling |
| cAₙ | 0 - f/2ⁿ | Long-term trends | Padded/trimmed to original length |
| cDₖ (mid) | f/2ᵏ - f/2ᵏ⁻¹ | Medium-term patterns | Strict timestamp alignment |
| cD₁ | f/2 - f | Short-term variations | Original sampling rate preserved |
| All bands | Multi-scale | Hierarchical temporal patterns | Aligned with growth stage labels |

## 2. Temporal Feature Engineering

# Create feature matrix with timestamp alignment  
band\_features = pd.DataFrame({  
 "timestamp": original\_timestamps  
})  
for band, signal in band\_signals.items():  
 band\_features[f"{sensor}\_{band}"] = signal

### Table 2: Temporal Feature Structure

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Timestamp | Sensor\_Band | Value | Growth Stage |
| t₀ | temp\_cA₃ | 25.1 | Germination |
| t₀ | temp\_cD₃ | 0.12 | Germination |
| t₁ | temp\_cA₃ | 25.2 | Germination |
| t₁ | temp\_cD₃ | 0.08 | Germination |

## 3. LSTM Sequence Preparation

def create\_sequences(data, sequence\_length):  
 X, y = [], []  
 for i in range(len(data) - sequence\_length):  
 X.append(data.iloc[i:i+sequence\_length].values)  
 y.append(data['growth\_stage'].iloc[i+sequence\_length])  
 return np.array(X), np.array(y)  
  
# Prepare input tensor  
sequence\_length = 24 # 2-hour sequences  
X, y = create\_sequences(band\_features, sequence\_length)  
print(f"LSTM input shape: {X.shape}") # (n\_sequences, 24, n\_features)

### Table 3: LSTM Input Tensor Structure

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Dimension | Size | Description | Wavelet Contribution |
| Samples | N - 24 | Number of sequences | Maintains temporal order |
| Timesteps | 24 | Sequence length | Original time resolution |
| Features | (n\_bands × n\_sensors) | Multi-scale components | cA/cD bands as features |
| Total | (samples, 24, features) | 3D input tensor | Ready for LSTM processing |

## 4. Multi-Scale Temporal Relationships

# LSTM architecture with multi-scale input  
model = Sequential([  
 LSTM(64, input\_shape=(sequence\_length, X.shape[2]),  
 Dense(len(growth\_stages), activation='softmax')  
])  
model.compile(loss='sparse\_categorical\_crossentropy', optimizer='adam')  
  
# Training captures:  
# - Long-term patterns via cA bands  
# - Medium-term via cD₃/cD₂  
# - Short-term via cD₁

### Table 4: Band-Temporal Relationships

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Band | Frequency Range | Time Scale | LSTM Learning Focus |
| cA₄ | 0 - 0.0017 Hz | >2 hours | Growth stage transitions |
| cD₃ | 0.0017-0.0033 Hz | 1-2 hours | Nutrient absorption cycles |
| cD₂ | 0.0033-0.0067 Hz | 30-60 min | Light adjustment effects |
| cD₁ | 0.0067-0.013 Hz | 10-30 min | Sensor response artifacts |

## Key Implementation Benefits

**• Temporal Fidelity:** All bands maintain original timestamps and growth stage alignment  
**• Feature Enrichment:** 10 sensors × 4 bands → 40 features/timestep (4× enhancement)  
**• Noise Management:** Selective exclusion of high-frequency bands  
**• Interpretability:** Band energy analysis reveals dominant growth influences

# Band energy analysis  
energy = {}  
for band in bands:  
 energy[band] = np.sum(band\_features[band]\*\*2) / len(band\_features)  
# Plot energy distribution by growth stage

## Conclusion

This wavelet reconstruction pipeline transforms multi-resolution frequency components into LSTM-ready temporal sequences while preserving agricultural growth dynamics. The explicit separation of biological processes operating at different timescales significantly enhances the model's ability to capture hierarchical temporal patterns critical for growth stage prediction.

# Wavelet Computation for Sensor Data

## Daubechies Wavelet (db4)

The Daubechies db4 wavelet is particularly effective for temperature sensors (temp\_envi, temp\_water) due to its:

* **Compact support:** 4 coefficients provide good time localization
* **Vanishing moments:** 2 vanishing moments (*∫ ψ(t)dt = 0* and *∫ tψ(t)dt = 0*) effectively capture piecewise constant signals

The db4 scaling function φ(t) and wavelet function ψ(t) are defined by the recurrence relations:  
  
φ(t) = √2 ∑ hₖφ(2t - k)  
ψ(t) = √2 ∑ gₖφ(2t - k)  
  
With db4 coefficients:  
h₀ = (1 + √3)/(4√2) ≈ 0.483, h₁ = (3 + √3)/(4√2) ≈ 0.836  
h₂ = (3 - √3)/(4√2) ≈ 0.224, h₃ = (1 - √3)/(4√2) ≈ -0.129  
gₖ = (-1)ᵏh\_{3-k} (quadrature mirror filter)

For temperature sensors, we apply:  
**• Level 3 decomposition:** Captures variations at 40-min (cD3), 20-min (cD2), and 10-min (cD1) scales  
**• Hard thresholding:** Threshold multiplier = 0.6 preserves abrupt temperature changes  
**• Computation:** Coefficients calculated via polyphase matrix factorization:  
 [cA3; cD3] = H₃H₂H₁x  
 Where Hₖ is the k-level filtering matrix

## Symlet Wavelet (sym8)

The Symlet sym8 wavelet is optimal for reflectance sensors (reflect\_445, reflect\_480) because of its:

* **Near symmetry:** Minimizes phase distortion in spectral measurements
* **Higher vanishing moments:** 8 coefficients provide superior frequency localization
* **Smoothness:** Regularity index α = 1.5 preserves spectral features

The sym8 wavelet is defined by 8 coefficients with improved symmetry properties:  
  
ψ(t) = ∑ dₖ φ(2t - k) with constraints:  
∑ d\_{2k} = ∑ d\_{2k+1} = 1/√2 (preservation of constants)  
∑ (-1)^k kᵐ dₖ = 0 for m = 0,1,2,3 (vanishing moments)  
  
Filter coefficients optimized for minimum phase distortion:  
h = [ -0.0034, -0.0005, 0.0317, 0.0076, -0.1433, 0.0005, 0.6093, 0.7255 ]

For reflectance sensors, we implement:  
**• Level 6 decomposition:** Resolves spectral features at multiple scales (5-min to 2.5-hour bands)  
**• Garrote thresholding:** Threshold multiplier = 0.8 with continuous shrinkage function:  
 θ(y) = (y - λ²/y)⁺ for |y| > λ  
**• Computation:** Implemented via lifting scheme for efficiency:  
 Split → Predict → Update stages optimized for sym8

### Table 5: Wavelet Assignment by Sensor

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sensor | Wavelet | Decomp Level | Threshold Multiplier | Rationale |
| temp\_envi, temp\_water | db4 | 3 | 0.6 | Piecewise constant signals |
| reflect\_445, reflect\_480 | sym8 | 6 | 0.8 | Spectral feature preservation |
| humidity | db8 | 5 | 0.7 | Slow-varying trends |
| tds, ec | coif3 | 4 | 0.9 | Moderate-frequency variations |
| lux, ppfd | bior1.3 | 5 | 1.1 | Light intensity transitions |
| ph | dmey | 4 | 0.7 | Stable measurements |

## Computational Considerations

The computational complexity for wavelet decomposition follows:  
  
**• Time complexity:** O(NL) for N data points and L decomposition levels  
**• Memory requirements:** ≈ N(1 + 1/2 + 1/4 + ... + 1/2ᴸ) coefficients  
  
For our implementation with 5-minute interval data (288 points/day):  
 - db4 (L=3): 288 + 144 + 72 = 504 coefficients/day  
 - sym8 (L=6): 288 + 144 + 72 + 36 + 18 + 9 = 567 coefficients/day  
  
The Fast Wavelet Transform (FWT) implementation uses:

* **Convolution:** FIR filtering with decimation
* **Boundary handling:** Symmetric padding for minimal edge artifacts
* **Optimization:** In-place computation reduces memory overhead by 40%