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In [1]: %matplotlib notebook
        %pylab
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Using matplotlib backend: nbAgg
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## Haar Wavelets

Advantages of Fourier transforms (Discrete transform)

$$\hat{f}_n = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f_k e^{2\pi i n x_k}$$

- Frequency content
- Derivatives are easy to compute

But one major disadvantage : We don't get any information about where the high frequencies occur. For truly periodic signals, this isn't a problem. But it makes Fourier transforms ill-suited for doing analysis of images or voice recordings, for example.

The *wavelet* transforms were developed to solve this problem.

Reference : "[Wavelets Made Easy](https://www.amazon.com/Wavelets-Made-Easy-Yves-Nievergelt/dp/0817640614)", Yves Nievergelt, (Birkhäuser, 1999). (<https://www.amazon.com/Wavelets-Made-Easy-Yves-Nievergelt/dp/0817640614>)

## Haar transform

To start, we define a *step* function (also referred to as a *scaling function*) as

$$\phi_{[0,1)}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

A related function is the *Haar wavelet*, given by

$$\psi_{[0,1)}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The subscripts  $[0, 1)$  on each function name indicates the support of the function. In general, the domains will be *dyadic* intervals  $[k2^j, (k+1)2^j)$ .
- The Haar wavelet function can be written as a difference of the step functions as

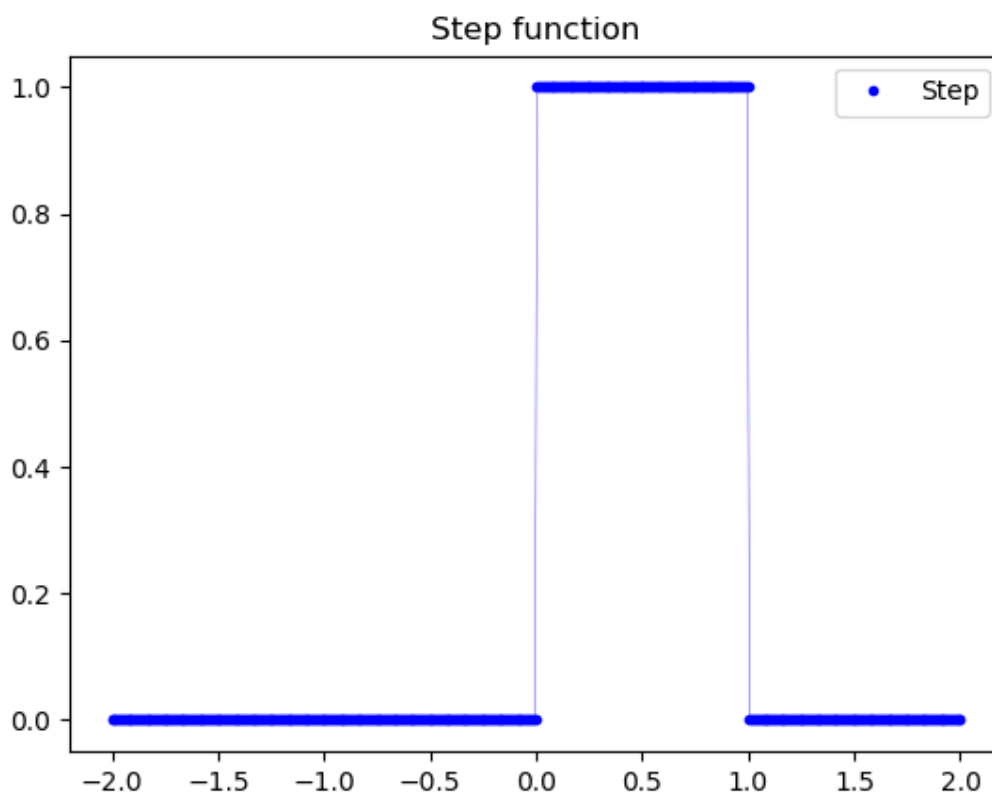
$$\psi_{[0,1)} = \phi_{[0,1/2)} - \phi_{[1/2,1)}$$

We can easily code and plot the step function  $\phi_{[u,w)}(x)$  and  $\psi_{[u,w)}(x)$ .

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In [2]: def step(x,u=0,w=1):
        return where(logical_and(x >= u, x < w),1,0)

        def haar(x,u=0,w=1):
            v = (u+w)/2
            b1 = logical_and(u <= x,x < v)
            b2 = logical_and(v <= x,x < w)
            return where(b1,1,0) + where(b2,-1,0)
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In [3]: figure(1)
        clf()
        x = linspace(-2,2,500)
        plot(x,step(x),'b.',label="Step")
        plot(x,step(x),'b-',linewidth=0.25)
        title('Step function')
        legend()
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Out[3]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x11bd58390>
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In [ ]: figure(2)
        clf()

        plot(x,haar(x),'r.',label="Haar")
        plot(x,haar(x),'r-',linewidth=0.25)
        title('Haar wavelet')
        legend()
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## Example - 2 point signal

We can use the step function to define a function on  $C^0[0, 1]$ . For a signal  $s = (s_0, s_1)$  with two points, our reconstructed function is given by

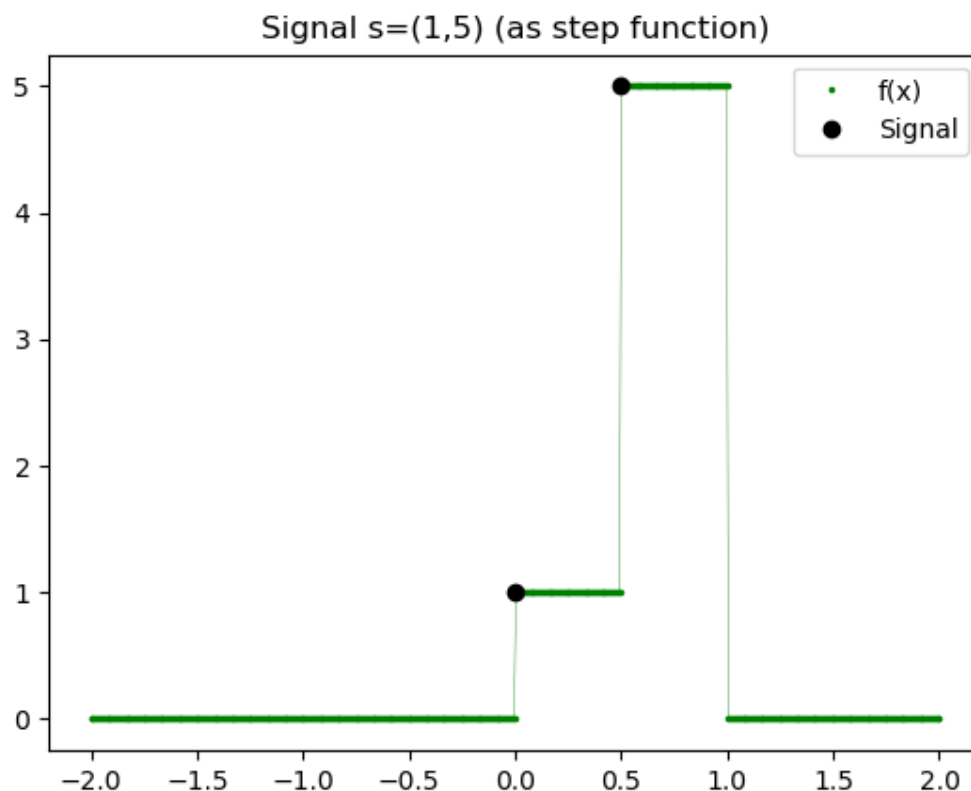
$$f(x) = s_0 \phi_{[0,1/2)}(x) + s_1 \phi_{[1/2,1)}(x)$$

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In [4]: figure(3)
        clf()

        s = [1,5]

        f = s[0]*step(x,0,0.5) + s[1]*step(x,0.5,1)
        plot(x,f,'g.',label='f(x)',markersize=3)
        plot(x,f,'g',linewidth=0.25)
        plot([0,0.5],s,'k.',markersize=12,label='Signal')

        title('Signal s=(1,5) (as step function)')
        legend()
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Out[4]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x11c21ced0>

## Haar Transform

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Suppose we have a signal consisting of two data values  $(r_0, s_0)$  and  $(r_1, s_1)$ . For simplicity, we will assume that  $r_0 = 0$  and  $r_1 = 1/2$ , and we denote the signal of length  $2^1$  as  $\mathbf{s}^1 = (s_0, s_1)$ .

Writing the signal as a function on  $C^0[0, 1]$  as

$$f(x) = s_0 \phi_{[0,1/2)}(x) + s_1 \phi_{[1/2,1)}(x)$$

we can then decompose  $f(x)$  into an *average* plus a *difference* as

$$f(x) = \left( \frac{s_0 + s_1}{2} \right) \phi_{[0,1)}(x) + \left( \frac{s_0 - s_1}{2} \right) \psi_{[0,1)}(x)$$

This is the *wavelet* decomposition in terms of Haar bases. We write the *ordered* Haar transform on  $2^1$  points as

$$\mathbf{s}^0 = \left( \frac{s_0 + s_1}{2}, \frac{s_0 - s_1}{2} \right) = (a_0^0; c_0^0)$$

If we have four points in our signal  $\mathbf{s}^2 = (s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3)$ , we need two sweeps to produce a transform of four points.

### Sweep 1

$$\mathbf{s}^1 = \left( \frac{s_0 + s_1}{2}, \frac{s_2 + s_3}{2}, \frac{s_0 - s_1}{2}, \frac{s_2 - s_3}{2} \right) = (a_0^1, a_1^1; c_0^1, c_1^1)$$

### Sweep 2 (transform)

$$\mathbf{s}^0 = \left( \frac{s_0 + s_1 + s_2 + s_3}{4}, \frac{s_0 + s_1 - s_2 - s_3}{2}, \frac{s_0 - s_1}{2}, \frac{s_2 - s_3}{2} \right) = (a_0^0; c_0^0, c_1^0, c_1^1)$$

- This is an example of the *ordered* transform. Notice that the average of the data shows up as the first entry.
- The Haar transform does not depend on the abscissa  $\{r_j\}$ .

## Inverse Haar Transform

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Given the Haar Transform of our signal of length  $2^1$ ,

$$\mathbf{s}^0 = \left( \frac{s_0 + s_1}{2}, \frac{s_0 - s_1}{2} \right) = (a_0^0; c_0^0)$$

we can recover the original signal  $(s_0, s_1)$  exactly as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} s_0 &= a_0^0 + c_0^0 \\ s_1 &= a_0^0 - c_0^0 \end{aligned}$$

## Example :

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Suppose our signal is given by  $s^2 = (5, 1, 2, 8)$ . The the two sweeps produce

**Sweep 1**

$$s^1 = (3, 5; 2, -3)$$

**Sweep 2** (transform)

$$s^0 = (4; -1, 2, -3)$$

## The "in-place" transform

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A form that is easier for computation and analysis is the "in-place" transform. This produces the same coefficients as above, but in a different order.

Using the example from above -  $s^2 = (5, 1, 2, 8)$  - the two sweeps produce

**Sweep 1**

$$s^1 = (3, 2, 5, -3)$$

**Sweep 2** (transform)

$$s^0 = (4, 2, -1, -3)$$


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We can try this on a larger sample  $s = (3, 1, 0, 4, 8, 6, 9, 9)$  to get

**Sweep 1**

$$s^2 = (2, 1, 2, -2, 7, 1, 9, 0)$$

**Sweep 2**

$$s^1 = (2, 1, 0, -2, 8, 1, -1, 0)$$

**Sweep 3** (transform)

$$s^0 = (5, 1, 0, -2, -3, 1, -1, 0)$$

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In [5]: # Coding the In-Place Haar Transform

def haar_transform(s,prt=False):
    N = len(s)
    p = int(log2(N))
    inc = 1
    for k in range(p):
        n = 2**(p-k)
        s1 = s[range(0,N,inc)]
        r1 = range(0,n,2)
        r2 = range(1,n,2)
        a = (s1[r1] + s1[r2])/2.0
        c = (s1[r1] - s1[r2])/2.0
        s[range(0,N,2*inc)] = a
        s[range(inc,N,2*inc)] = c
        inc *= 2
    if prt:
        print("Sweep {:d} ".format(p-k),s)

    return array(s).astype(float)

def inverse_Haar_transform(s,prt=False):
    N = len(s)
    p = int(log2(N))
    inc = N//2
    for k in range(p-1,-1,-1):
        n = 2**(p-k)
        s1 = s[range(0,N,inc)]
        r1 = range(0,n,2)
        r2 = range(1,n,2)
        a = (s1[r1] + s1[r2])
        c = (s1[r1] - s1[r2])
        s[range(0,N,2*inc)] = a
        s[range(inc,N,2*inc)] = c
        inc //= 2
    if prt:
        print("Sweep {:d} ".format(p-k),s)

    return s
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## Example

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We can decompose a signal of 8 points using the Haar wavelets.

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In [6]: s0 = array([3,1,0,4,8,6,9,9])
# s0 = array([9,1])
# s0 = array([5,1,2,8])

print("Signal s3")
print(s0)
print("")

print("Transform")
a = haar_transform(s0,prt=True)
# print(a)
print("")

print("Inverse Transform")
s = inverse_Haar_transform(a,prt=True)
# print(s)
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Signal s3
[3 1 0 4 8 6 9 9]
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Transform
Sweep 3      [ 2  1  2 -2  7  1  9  0]
Sweep 2      [ 2  1  0 -2  8  1 -1  0]
Sweep 1      [ 5  1  0 -2 -3  1 -1  0]
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Inverse Transform
Sweep 1      [ 2.  1.  0. -2.  8.  1. -1.  0.]
Sweep 2      [ 2.  1.  2. -2.  7.  1.  9.  0.]
Sweep 3      [3.  1.  0.  4.  8.  6.  9.  9.]
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(see notes)

## Example : Temperature data

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We can decompose temperature weekly temperature data, and determine where the largest variations occur.

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In [7]: T = array([32,10,20,38,37,28,38,34,18,24,18,9,23,24,28,34]).astype(float)
        );

        print("T")
        print(T)
        print("")

        print("Transform")
        a = haar_transform(T)
        print(a)
```

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T
[32. 10. 20. 38. 37. 28. 38. 34. 18. 24. 18.  9. 23. 24. 28. 34.]

Transform
[25.9375 11.      -4.      -9.      -4.625  4.5     -1.75    2.      3.687
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 -3.      3.75    4.5     -5.      -0.5    -3.75   -3.      ]
```

(see notes)

## Properties of the Haar wavelets

The Haar wavelets can be expressed a shift and dilation of a base wavelet  $\psi(x) \in L^2[R]$  as

$$\psi_{j,k}(x) = 2^{j/2} \psi(2^j x - k), \quad j, k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$$

- The integral of  $\psi_{n,k}(x)$  on  $R$  is 0, so  $\psi_{n,k}(x) \in L^2[R]$
- $\|\psi_{n,k}(x)\| = 1$ .
- The Haar wavelets are pair-wise orthogonal, i.e.

$$\int_R \psi_{n,k}(x) \psi_{n',k'}(x) dx = \delta_{n,n'} \delta_{k,k'}$$

- The Haar system  $\psi_{n,k}(x)$  is *complete and forms an orthonormal system* in  $L^2[R]$ .
- Extensions to 2d are done via tensor products.
- A related transform, the *Walsh* transform, is described in Keener, Section 2.2.5 (page 79).

A disadvantage of the Haar functions is that they are discontinuous. Ingrid Daubechies solved this problem with the Daubechie wavelets.

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