Remark 0.1. $\Psi_{j,k}$ has width of 2^{-j} and is centered about $k2^{-j}$. Furthermore, we can see that:

- $\begin{array}{ll} (1) & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varPsi(x) dx = 0, \text{ which makes } \varPsi \text{ a wave.} \\ (2) & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varPsi(x)^2 dx = 1, \text{ i.e. the norm of } \varPsi \text{ is } 1. \end{array}$

The child wavelets $\Psi_{j,k}$ are simply dilated and translated versions of the mother wavelet multiplied with the normalization factor 2j/2. The normalization factor is there so that the dilated and translated Haar function satisfies property (2) in the wavelet definition.

Observe that all $\Psi_{j,k}$ are generated by shifting and scaling¹ the wavelet Ψ and that each $\Psi_{j,k}$ is normalized so that $\|\Psi_{j,k}\|_2 = \|\Psi\|_2 = 1$ for all $j,k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

i.e., the intervals on which they are non-zero are different; therefore, when the two functions multiply together, the result must be zero (therefore the 2-norm is 0). Thus, they are orthogonal.

Now, if j < j', then φ and $\Psi_{j,k}$ are constant on the support of $\Psi_{j',k'}$. Since $\int_0^1 \Psi_{j,k}(x) = 0$ for all j and k, it now follos that these functions are pairwise orthogonal.

1. Useful quotes

Wavelets are local functions that enable us to cut up data into different layers of frequency. A wavelet basis is formed by translating and dilating a small wave, making it possible to analyze data at different scales. Although wavelet analysis is promising, it has not entered mainstream study of economic phenomena. The aim of this thesis is to give an intuitive theoretical understanding of wavelets, and describe how they can be used in time series analysis. Applications for economic time series are presented, as well as some thoughts of how the field of economics will progress due to wavelet analysis.

2. Annotated Bibliography

(1) davidson'real'2002

This textbook is my primary source for proofs of orthonormal basis. Though terse, the book introduces the lemmas and proofs in a logical way, starting with proving the Haar system is orthonormal and then expand it to the basis for $L^2(\mathbb{R})$.

(2) Frazier 1999

This textbook is very introductory, including a lot of examples and stepby-step proof for the properties of wavelets. Furthermore, it also has a nice description of the FBI Fingerprint Compression application using Haar Wavelets Analysis.

¹The dilations here are taken to be powers of 2.

(3) Gomes'Velho'2015

Although this textbook is not very proof-heavy, it brings up a lot of cool wavelet examples that pertain to image compression, one of which being the Blur Derivative that I can talk about in my first draft.