

Discrete Haar Wavelet Transforms

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Indeed if

$$y_n = \frac{1}{2}x_n + \frac{1}{2}x_{n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad z_n = \frac{1}{2}x_n - \frac{1}{2}x_{n-1}$$

then

$$x_n = y_n + z_n \quad \text{and} \quad x_{n-1} = y_n - z_n$$





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Perhaps we could invert the process if we used both filters. We know that G is





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$$G = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{smallmatrix} & \begin{smallmatrix} \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{smallmatrix} & \begin{smallmatrix} \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{smallmatrix} & \begin{smallmatrix} \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{smallmatrix} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & \ddots & \ddots & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$





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So that

$$\begin{bmatrix} H \\ - \\ G \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ - \\ \mathbf{z} \end{bmatrix}$$





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If we think about inverting, we can write down:





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But there is some redundancy here - we do not need all the values of y_n , z_n to recover x_n :





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$$\tilde{W}_N = \left[\begin{array}{cccccc|cccc} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \ddots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \ddots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$





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This matrix is easy to invert if we remember the formulas:

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We have:





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$$\tilde{W}_N^{-1} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$





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is called the **Haar filter**.

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If V_1 is the space of piecewise constants with possible breakpoints at $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$, then $V_0 \subset V_1$, and the functions $\sqrt{2}\phi(2t - k)$ form an orthonormal basis for V_1 .





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Note that

$$\phi(t) = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \phi(2t) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \phi(2t - 1) \right)$$

is called a **dilation equation**.





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- ▶ We can get the Haar filter coefficients from the dilation equation.
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Examples

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Let's have a look at the Mathematica notebook

`HaarTransforms1D.nb`

for a bit more on Haar Transforms.





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Implementing W_N

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Consider $H\mathbf{v}$ when $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^8$. We have

$$H\mathbf{v} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 + v_2 \\ v_3 + v_4 \\ v_5 + v_6 \\ v_7 + v_8 \end{bmatrix}$$



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If we rewrite this, we have

$$H\mathbf{v} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 + v_2 \\ v_3 + v_4 \\ v_5 + v_6 \\ v_7 + v_8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \\ v_3 & v_4 \\ v_5 & v_6 \\ v_7 & v_8 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = V\mathbf{h}$$





Coding the Haar Transform

Implementing W_N

In a similar way we see that

$$G\mathbf{v} = V\mathbf{g}$$

So all we need to do to compute $W_n\mathbf{v}$ is to create V , multiply it with \mathbf{h} and \mathbf{g} , and join to the two blocks together!





Coding the Haar Transform

Implementing W_N

Here is some Mathematica code to do it:

```
DHWT[v_] := Module[{V, lp, hp, y},
  V = Partition[v, 2, 2];
  lp = V.{1, 1};
  hp = V.{1, -1};
  y = Join[lp, hp];
  Return[Sqrt[2]*y/2];
];
```



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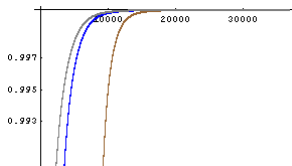
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