

Asymptotic Expansions of Legendre Wavelet

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Abstract

A new construction of wavelet on the bounded interval $(-1, 1) \subset \mathbf{R}$ using Legendre polynomial and the wavelet expansion in terms of Legendre polynomial is presented.

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INTRODUCTION

Special functions play an important role in the construction of wavelets. Pathak and Dixit [1] have constructed Bessel wavelets using Bessel functions. But the above construction of wavelets is on semi-infinite interval $(0, \infty)$. Wavelets on finite intervals involving solution of certain Sturm-Liouville system have been studied by U. Depczynski [2]. In this chapter we describe a new construction of wavelet on the bounded interval $(-1, 1) \subset \mathbf{R}$ using Legendre polynomial and the wavelet expansion in terms of Legendre polynomial is presented.

Let X denote the space $L^p(-1,1)$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, or $C[-1,1]$ endowed with the norms

$$\|f\|_p = \left[\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 |f(x)|^p dx \right]^{1/p} < \infty, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\|f\|_C = \sup_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x)|. \quad (1.2)$$

An inner product on X is given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx \quad (1.3)$$

As usual we denote the Legendre polynomial of degree $n \in \mathbf{N}_0$ by $P_n(x)$, i.e.

$$P_n(x) = (2^n n!)^{-1} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^n (x^2 - 1)^n; \quad x \in [-1, 1].$$

For these polynomials one has

$$(i) |P_n(x)| \leq P_n(1) = 1; \quad x \in [-1, 1] \quad (1.4)$$

$$(ii) (1-x^2) P_n''(x) - 2x P_n'(x) + n(n+1) P_n(x) = 0; \quad (1.5)$$

$$(iii) P_n'(1) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}. \quad (1.6)$$

The Legendre transform of a function $f \in X$ is defined by

$$L[f](k) = \hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) P_k(x) dx; \quad k \in \mathbf{N}_0 \quad (1.7)$$

The operator L associates to each $f \in X$ sequence of real (complex) numbers $\left\{ \hat{f}(k) \right\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$, called the Fourier Legendre coefficients.

The inverse Legendre transform is given by

$$L[f]^\vee(x) = f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (2k+1) \hat{f}(k) P_k(x). \quad (1.8)$$

Lemma 1.1. Assume $f, g \in X$, $k \in \mathbf{N}_0$ and $c \in \mathbf{R}$, then

- (i) $|L[f](k)| \leq \|f\|_X$;
- (ii) $L[f+g](k) = L[f](k) + L[g](k)$,
 $L[cf](k) = cL[f](k)$;
- (iii) $L[f](k) = 0$ for all $k \in \mathbf{N}_0$ iff $f(x) = 0$ a.e.;

$$(iv) L[P_k](j) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2k+1}, & k=j \\ 0, & k \neq j, (k, j) \in \mathbf{N}_0 \end{cases}$$

Let us recall the function $K(x,y,z)$ which plays role in our investigation

$$K(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 1 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2xyz, & z_1 < z < z_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (1.9)$$

where $z_1 = xy - [(1-x^2)(1-y^2)]^{1/2}$ and $z_2 = xy + [(1-x^2)(1-y^2)]^{1/2}$.

Then the function $K(x,y,z)$ possesses the following properties;

- (i) $K(x,y,z)$ is symmetric in all the three variables

$$(ii) \int_{-1}^1 K(x, y, z) dz = \pi.$$

Also it has been shown in [3] that

$$P_k(x) P_k(y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 P_k(z) K(x, y, z) dz \quad (1.10)$$

Applying (1.8) to (1.10), we have

$$K(x, y, z) = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (2k+1) P_k(x) P_k(y) P_k(z) \quad (1.11)$$

The generalized Legendre translation τ_y for $y \in [-1, 1]$ of a function $f \in X$ is defined by

$$(\tau_y f)(x) = f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 f(z) K(x, y, z) dz \quad (1.12)$$

Using Hölder's inequality it can be shown that

$$\| \tau_y f \|_X \leq \| f \|_X \quad (1.13)$$

and the map $y \rightarrow \tau_y f$ is a positive linear operator from X into itself.

As in [3], for functions f, g defined on $[-1, 1]$ the generalized Legendre convolution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (f * g)(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (\tau_y f)(x) g(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (\tau_x f)(y) g(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 f(z) g(y) K(x, y, z) dy dz \quad (1.14) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1.2. If $f \in X, g \in L^1(-1, 1)$, then the convolution $(f * g)(x)$ exists (a.e.) and belongs to X . Moreover,

$$\| f * g \|_X \leq \| f \|_X \| g \|_1, \quad (1.15)$$

$$(f * g)^\wedge(k) = \hat{f}(k) \hat{g}(k). \quad (1.16)$$

The proof can be found in [3].

For any $f \in L^2(-1, 1)$ the following Parseval identity holds for Legendre transform,

$$\sum_k (2k+1) |\hat{f}(k)|^2 = \| f \|_2^2. \quad (1.17)$$

LEGENDRE WAVELET

For a function $\psi \in X$, define the dilation D_a by

$$D_a \psi(t) = \psi(at), \quad 0 < a \leq 1. \quad (2.1)$$

Using the Legendre translation and the above dilation, the wavelet $\psi_{b,a}(t)$ is defined as follows:

$$\psi_{b,a}(t) = \tau_b D_a \psi(t) = \tau_b \psi(at) \quad (2.2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 K(b, t, z) \psi(az) dz, \quad \psi \in X, \quad (2.3)$$

where $-1 \leq b \leq 1$ and $0 < a \leq 1$. The integral is convergent by virtue of (1.13).

Now, using the wavelet $\psi_{b,a}$ the Legendre wavelet transform (LWT) is defined as follows:

$$(L_\psi f)(b, a) = \langle f(t), \psi_{b,a}(t) \rangle. \quad (2.4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) \overline{\psi_{b,a}(t)} dt \quad (2.5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 f(t) \overline{\psi(az)} K(b, t, z) dz dt \quad (2.6)$$

Provided the integral is convergent.

Since by (1.13) and (2.2) $\psi_{b,a} \in X$ whenever $\psi \in X$, by Lemma 1.2, the integral (2.6) is convergent for $f \in L^1(-1, 1)$.

The admissibility condition for the Legendre wavelet is given by

$$A_\psi = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\hat{\psi}(k)|^2}{k} < \infty \quad (2.7)$$

From (2.7) it follows that $\hat{\psi}(0) = 0$. But

$$\hat{\psi}(k) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \psi(t) P_k(t) dt$$

$$\text{yields } 2\hat{\psi}(0) = \int_{-1}^1 \psi(t) P_0(t) dt = \int_{-1}^1 \psi(t) dt = 0.$$

Hence, $\psi(t)$ changes sign in $(-1, 1)$ therefore it represents a wavelet.

THE DISCRETE TRANSFORM

The continuous Legendre wavelet transform of the function f in terms of two continuous parameters a and b can be

converted into a semi-discrete Legendre wavelet transform by assuming that $a = 2^{-m}$; $m \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $-1 \leq b \leq 1$.

Now, we assume that $\psi \in L^2(-1,1)$ satisfies the so called "stability condition"

$$A \leq \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{\psi}(2^{-m}k)|^2 \leq B \quad (3.1)$$

for certain positive constants A and B, $0 < A \leq B < \infty$. The function $\psi \in L^2(-1,1)$ satisfying (3.1) is called dyadic wavelet.

Using the definition (2.4), we define the semi-discrete Legendre wavelet transform of any $f \in L^2(-1,1)$ by

$$(L_m^\psi f)(b) = (L_\psi f)(b, \frac{1}{2^m}) = \langle f(t), \psi_{b,2^{-m}}(t) \rangle \quad (3.2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t) \overline{\psi(2^{-m}t)} dt \quad (3.3)$$

$$= (f * \overline{\psi_m}), \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$\psi_m(z) = \psi(2^{-m}z), \quad m \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

Now, using Parseval identity (1.17), (3.1) yields the following:

$$A \|f\|_2^2 \leq \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \|L_m^\psi f\|_2^2 \leq B \|f\|_2^2, \quad f \in L^2(-1,1). \quad (3.5)$$

Definition 3.1. A function $\tilde{\psi} \in L^2(-1,1)$ is called a dyadic dual of a dyadic wavelet ψ , if every $f \in L^2(-1,1)$ can be expressed as

$$f(t) = \sum_m \int_{-1}^1 (L_m^\psi f)(b) \left(\hat{\tilde{\psi}}(2^{-m}k) P_k(t) \right)^\vee (b) db. \quad (3.6)$$

So far we have considered semi-discrete Legendre wavelet transform of any $f \in L^2(-1,1)$ discretizing only variable a. Now, we discrete the translation parameter b also by restricting it to the discrete set of points

$$b_{m,n} = \frac{n}{2^m} b_0, \quad m \in \mathbf{Z}, n \in \mathbf{N}_0, \quad (3.7)$$

where $b_0 \in [-1,1]$ is a fixed constant. We write

$$\psi_{b_0;m,n}(t) = \psi_{b_{m,n};a_m}(t) = \psi(2^{-m}t, 2^{-m}n b_0) \quad (3.8)$$

Then the discrete Legendre wavelet transform of any $f \in L^2(-1,1)$ can be expressed as

$$(L_\psi f)(b_{m,n}; a_m) = \langle f, \psi_{b_0;m,n} \rangle \quad m \in \mathbf{Z}, n \in \mathbf{N}_0. \quad (3.9)$$

The "stability" condition for this reconstruction takes the form

$$A \|f\|_2^2 \leq \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbf{Z} \\ n \in \mathbf{N}_0}} |\langle f, \psi_{b_0;m,n} \rangle|^2 \leq B \|f\|_2^2, \quad f \in L^2(-1,1), \quad (3.10)$$

where A and B are positive constants such that $0 < A \leq B < \infty$.

FRAMES AND RIESZ BASIS IN $L^2(-1,1)$.

In this section, using $\psi_{b_0;m,n}$ a frame is defined and Riesz basis of $L^2(-1,1)$ is studied.

Definition 4.1. A function $\psi \in L^2(-1,1)$ is said to generate a frame $\{\psi_{b_0;m,n}\}$ of $L^2(-1,1)$ with sampling rate b_0 if (3.10) holds for some positive constants A and B. If $A = B$, then the frame is called a tight frame.

Definition 4.2. A function $\psi \in L^2(-1,1)$ is said to generate a Riesz basis of $\{\psi_{b_0;m,n}\}$ with sampling rate b_0 if the following two properties are satisfied.

- (i) The linear span $\langle \psi_{b_0;m,n} : m \in \mathbf{Z} \rangle$ is dense in $L^2(-1,1)$ (4.1)
- (ii) There exist positive constants A and B with $0 < A \leq B < \infty$ such that

$$A \|\{c_{m,n}\}\|_2^2 \leq \left\| \sum_{\substack{m \in \mathbf{Z} \\ n \in \mathbf{N}_0}} c_{m,n} \psi_{b_0;m,n} \right\|_2^2 \leq B \|\{c_{m,n}\}\|_{\ell^2}^2 \quad (4.2)$$

For all $\{c_{m,n}\} \in \ell^2(\mathbf{N}_0^2)$. Here A and B are called the Riesz bounds of $\{\psi_{b_0;m,n}\}$

ORDER OF APPROXIMATION

In this section following the technique of Depczynski [2] a discussion on the expansion of $f \in L^2(-1,1)$ in wavelet series is given and order of wavelet coefficient is obtained.

Let $N_m, m \in \mathbf{N}$, be a strictly increasing sequence of natural numbers and denote by V_m the space

$$V_m = \text{span} \{f_i : i \in \Delta\}, \quad (5.1)$$

where $\Delta = \{1, \dots, N_m\}$ is any index set and $\{f_i\}$ is the basis

of Hilbert space $L^2(-1,1)$.

The spaces V_m are linear and closed subspaces of $L^2(-1,1)$ and $V_m \subset V_{m+1}$.

Moreover,

$$\overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} V_m} = L^2(-1,1). \quad (5.2)$$

The orthogonal complement of V_m in V_{m+1} is denoted by W_m , i.e. we have

$$V_{m+1} = V_m \oplus W_m \quad (5.3)$$

From (5.2) and (5.3), we have

$$V_1 \oplus W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus \dots = L^2(-1,1). \quad (5.4)$$

Now, we study the approximation properties of the spaces V_m .

Let us consider the Legendre differential equation

$$(1-x^2)P_n''(x) - 2xP_n'(x) + n(n+1)P_n(x) = 0 \quad (5.5)$$

together with the following homogeneous boundary conditions

$$U_{-1}(f) = a_1 f(-1) + a_2 f(1) = 0,$$

$$U_1(f) = b_1 f(-1) + b_2 f(1) = 0.$$

The eigenvalues of the above boundary value problem are given by $\lambda_n = n^2$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let P_0, P_1, P_2, \dots be the corresponding eigenfunctions.

Now, we introduce the space

$$D = \{f \in L^2[-1,1]; U_{-1}(f) = 0 \text{ and } U_1(f) = 0\}$$

where $L^2[-1,1] = \{f \in C^1[-1,1]; f'' \in L^2(-1,1)\}$.

We will always assume that zero is no eigenvalue of (5.5). From [2,p 236] we know that the Green's function $g(x, y)$ of (5.5) is given by

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_n(x) \overline{P_n(y)}}{\lambda_n}, \quad (x, y) \in [-1,1] \times [-1,1]$$

and $G : L^2_w(-1,1) \rightarrow L^2(-1,1)$ defined by

$$G(f) = \int_{-1}^1 g(x, y) f(y) w(y) dy$$

is a compact operator with range D .

For $r \in \mathbb{N}$, set

$$G^r = G \circ \dots \circ G \text{ (r times)}$$

The iterated spaces D^r , $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$, are then defined by

$$D^r = \{G^r(f) : f \in L^2(-1,1)\}.$$

Note that $D^0 = L^2(-1,1)$ and $D^1 = D$ and $D^r \supset D^{r+1}$.

From [2, p. 237], we also note that

$$f \in D^r \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n^{2r} | \langle f, P_n \rangle |^2 < \infty \quad (5.6)$$

We recall the following result from [2, p.237] about approximation with the spaces $V_m = \text{span}\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{N_m}\}$, $N_m < N_{m+1}$.

Theorem 5.1. Let $P_m f = \sum_{n=0}^{N_m} \langle f, P_n \rangle P_n$ denote the

orthogonal projection of f onto V_m . Then for $r \in \mathbb{N}$ and $f \in D^r$,

$$\|f - P_m f\|_2 = O\left(N_m^{-2r+\frac{1}{2}}\right), m \rightarrow \infty. \quad (5.7)$$

Let $\Psi_{b_0; m, n}$ be the discrete Legendre wavelets defined by

(3.8). Then for any $f \in L^2(-1,1)$, there exists a sequence $\{c_{m,n}\}$ such that

$$Q_m f = \sum_{n=1}^{M_m} c_{m,n} \Psi_{b_0; m, n}, \quad (5.8)$$

where $M_m = N_{m+1} - N_m$.

Suppose $Q_m : L^2(-1,1) \rightarrow L^2(-1,1)$ be the operator such that $Q_m = P_{m+1} - P_m$, where P_m is the projection operator defined in Theorem 5.1. The range $Q_m = W_m$, where $V_{m+1} = V_m \oplus W_m$.

Following Chui [4], we have the following definition for the Riesz basis of the spaces W_m which will be used in sequel.

The discrete legendre wavelet $\Psi_{b_0; m, n}$ forms a Riesz basis of the spaces W_m , if there exist constants A and B with $0 < A \leq B < \infty$ such that

$$A \sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2 \leq \left\| \sum_n c_{m,n} \Psi_{b_0; m, n} \right\|_2^2 \leq B \sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2 \quad (5.9)$$

for all sequences $\{c_{m,n}\}$ such that $\sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2 < \infty$.

Theorem 5.2. Let $\{\psi_{b_0;m,n}\}$ be a Riesz basis of the spaces W_m with Riesz bound $A > 0$. Then for every $r \in \mathbf{N}$ and $f \in D^r$,

$$\left(\sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2 \right)^{1/2} = O\left(N_m^{-2r+\frac{1}{2}}\right), m \longrightarrow \infty. \quad (5.10)$$

Proof.

$$\|Q_m f\|_2 = \|P_{m+1} f - P_m f\|_2 \leq \|f - P_m f\|_2 + \|f - P_{m+1} f\|_2$$

From (5.7), it follows that

$$\|Q_m f\|_2 = O\left(N_m^{-2r+\frac{1}{2}}\right). \quad (5.11)$$

Using the Riesz stability condition (5.9) and relation (5.8), we have

$$\|Q_m f\|_2 = \left\| \sum_n c_{m,n} \psi_{b_0;m,n} \right\|_2 \geq A \sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2;$$

so that

$$\sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2 \leq \frac{1}{A} \|Q_m f\|_2^2.$$

From (5.11), it follows that

$$\left(\sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2 \right)^{1/2} = O\left(N_m^{-2r+\frac{1}{2}}\right), \quad (5.12)$$

which completes the proof of Theorem .

Theorem 5.3 Let $\psi_{b_0;m,n}$ be a Riesz basis of the spaces W_m with upper Riesz bound $B < \infty$. Assume that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} N_m^{-2\epsilon} < \infty \text{ for some } \epsilon > 0. \text{ If } r \in \mathbf{N} \text{ and}$$

$$f \in L_w^2(-1,1) \text{ with } \left(\sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2 \right)^{1/2} = O\left(N_m^{-2r-\epsilon}\right), n \longrightarrow \infty, \text{ then } f \in D^r.$$

Proof. Let us consider the partial sum

$$\sum_{n=N_m+1}^{N_{m+1}} \lambda_n^{2r} |<f, T_n>_w|^2 \text{ of series } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda_n^{2r} |<f, T_n>_w|^2.$$

For $\lambda_n = n^2$, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=N_m+1}^{N_{m+1}} \lambda_n^{2r} |<f, T_n>_w|^2 \leq N_{m+1}^{4r} \sum_{n=N_m+1}^{N_{m+1}} |<f, T_n>_w|^2. \quad (5.13)$$

Now, $Q_m f = P_{m+1} f - P_m f$.

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_m f\|_2^2 &= \|P_{m+1} f - P_m f\|_2^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=N_m+1}^{N_{m+1}} |<f, T_n>_w|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.14)$$

Using the Riesz stability condition (5.9), we have

$$\sum_{n=N_m+1}^{N_{m+1}} |<f, T_n>_w|^2 = \|Q_m f\|_2^2 \leq B \sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2 \quad (5.15)$$

Next using the assumption $\left(\sum_n |c_{m,n}|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C_2 N_m^{-2r-\epsilon}$,

from (5.13), (5.14) and (5.15), it follows that

$$\sum_{n=N_m+1}^{N_{m+1}} \lambda_n^{2r} |<f, T_n>_w|^2 \leq N_{m+1}^{4r} C_2^2 N_m^{-4r-2\epsilon} = C_2^2 \mathbf{B} \left(\frac{N_{m+1}}{N_m} \right)^{4r} N_m^{-2\epsilon}.$$

Let $C > 0$ with $C_2^2 \mathbf{B} \left(\frac{N_{m+1}}{N_m} \right)^{4r} < C$ for all $m \in \mathbf{N}$.

Then from the convergence of $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} N_m^{-2\epsilon} < \infty$, it follows that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=N_m+1}^{N_{m+1}} \lambda_n^{2r} |<f, T_n>_w|^2 \leq C \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} N_m^{-2\epsilon} < \infty.$$

From (5.6) it easily follows that $f \in D^r$.

This complete the proof .

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