

ON COMPACTLY SUPPORTED SPLINE WAVELETS AND A DUALITY PRINCIPLE

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ABSTRACT. Let $\cdots \subset V_{-1} \subset V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \cdots$ be a multiresolution analysis of L^2 generated by the m th order B -spline $N_m(x)$. In this paper, we exhibit a compactly supported basic wavelet $\psi_m(x)$ that generates the corresponding orthogonal complementary wavelet subspaces $\cdots, W_{-1}, W_0, W_1, \dots$. Consequently, the two finite sequences that describe the two-scale relations of $N_m(x)$ and $\psi_m(x)$ in terms of $N_m(2x - j)$, $j \in \mathbb{Z}$, yield an efficient reconstruction algorithm. To give an efficient wavelet decomposition algorithm based on these two finite sequences, we derive a duality principle, which also happens to yield the dual bases $\{\tilde{N}_m(x - j)\}$ and $\{\tilde{\psi}_m(x - j)\}$, relative to $\{N_m(x - j)\}$ and $\{\psi_m(x - j)\}$, respectively.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let m be any positive integer and let N_m denote the m th order B -spline with knots at the set \mathbb{Z} of integers, such that

$$\text{supp}(N_m) = [0, m].$$

More precisely, N_m is defined recursively by

$$(1.1) \quad N_m(x) = (N_{m-1} * N_1)(x) = \int_0^1 N_{m-1}(x - t) dt$$

with $N_1 = \chi_{[0,1)}$. For any $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, we set

$$N_{m;k,j}(x) = N_m(2^k x - j);$$

and for each k , let V_k denote the L^2 -closure of the algebraic linear span

$$\langle N_{m;k,j} : j \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle.$$

Here and throughout, $L^2 = L^2(\mathbb{R})$. It is well known (cf. [4]) that these spline spaces V_k , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, constitute a multiresolution analysis of L^2 in the sense that

$$(i) \quad \cdots \subset V_{-1} \subset V_0 \subset V_1 \subset \cdots;$$

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- (ii) $\text{clos}_{L^2}(\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_k) = L^2$;
- (iii) $\bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_k = \{0\}$; and
- (iv) for each k , $\{N_{m;k,j} : j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is an unconditional basis of V_k .

Following Mallat [4], we consider the orthogonal complementary subspaces $\dots, W_{-1}, W_0, W_1, \dots$; that is,

$$(v) \quad V_{k+1} = V_k \oplus W_k, \text{ all } k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

where the notation \oplus stands for $V_k \perp W_k$ and $V_{k+1} = V_k + W_k$. A trivial consequence of (v) is that

$$(vi) \quad W_k \perp W_j, \text{ all } k \neq j;$$

and in view of (i), (ii), (iii), and (vi), it is also easy to see that

$$(vii) \quad L^2 = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} W_k.$$

These subspaces W_k , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, are called the *wavelet subspaces* of L^2 relative to the *B-spline* N_m . The importance of the approximation properties (ii)–(iii) and the wavelet properties (v)–(vi) is that every function f in L^2 can be approximated as close as we wish by some $f_k \in V_k$, for a sufficiently large value of k , and that f_k has a (unique) orthogonal decomposition

$$(1.2) \quad f_k = g_{k-1} + \dots + g_{k-l} + f_{k-l},$$

where $g_j \in W_j$, $j = k-l, \dots, k-1$, and $f_{k-l} \in V_{k-l}$, and where l is an arbitrarily large positive integer, so chosen that $\|f_{k-l}\|_2$ is as small as we desire. We call (1.2) a *wavelet decomposition* of f_k .

It is well known that the wavelet subspaces W_k , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, are also generated by some *basic wavelet* in the same manner as that the spline subspaces V_k , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, are generated by the *B-spline* N_m . A standard technique to determine a basic wavelet can be briefly summarized as follows (cf. [3, 4]). First, orthonormalize $\{N_{m;0,j}\}$, yielding $\{\tilde{N}_{m;0,j}\}$; then find the two-scale relation of $\tilde{N}_{m;0,0}$ in terms of $\{\tilde{N}_{m;1,j}\}$; and finally alternate the signs of the coefficient sequence in this two-scale relation in a clever way to yield the desired basic wavelet. In our earlier work [2], we introduced a different approach and showed that the m th order spline function

$$(1.3) \quad \eta_m(x) := L_{2m}^{(m)}(2x-1)$$

also generates W_0 , and consequently all the wavelet subspaces W_k , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Here and throughout, L_{2m} denotes the $(2m)$ th order spline with knots at \mathbb{Z} that satisfies the interpolatory conditions

$$L_{2m}(n) = \delta_{n,0}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

In the spline literature [5], L_{2m} is called the *fundamental spline of order* $2m$. Let us consider the *B-spline series representation*

$$(1.4) \quad L_{2m}(x) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_j^{(m)} N_{2m}(x+m-j)$$

and denote by

$$(1.5) \quad A(z) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_j^{(m)} z^j$$

the symbol of the coefficient sequence. Then the interpolatory condition of L_{2m} at \mathbb{Z} is equivalent to the identity

$$(1.6) \quad A(z)B(z) = 1,$$

where

$$(1.7) \quad B(z) = \sum_{j=-m+1}^{m-1} N_{2m}(m+j)z^j$$

is the B -spline symbol and is related to the well-known Euler-Frobenius polynomial $\Pi_m(z)$, of degree $2m-2$, by the identity

$$(1.8) \quad B(z) = \frac{1}{(2m-1)!} z^{-m+1} \Pi_m(z).$$

For more details, see Schoenberg [5] and our previous work [2].

The basic wavelet η_m in (1.3) which was introduced in [2] (where the notation ψ is used) has exponential decay. In fact the exact exponent is given by the magnitude of the closest root of Π_m to -1 (cf. [5, pp. 37–38] and [2, (2.24)]).

In this paper, we give another basic wavelet ψ_m which has compact support and generates W_0 , and consequently all the wavelet subspaces W_k , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The exact formula of our ψ_m will be given in the next section, where the two-scale relation of $\psi_m(x)$ in terms of $N_m(2x-j)$, $j \in \mathbb{Z}$, is also derived. Hence, as in [2], together with the well-known two-scale relation:

$$(1.9) \quad N_m(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m 2^{-m+1} \binom{m}{j} N_m(2x-j),$$

we have two finite sequences that yield a very efficient algorithm for reconstructing f_k in (1.2) from its orthogonal components $g_{k-1}, \dots, g_{k-l}, f_{k-l}$ which may have been “modified” (or “filtered” in such applications as signal processing). To prove that ψ_m generates all of W_0 , we even derive the decomposition formula of $N_m(2x-j)$ in terms of $N_m(x-l)$ and $\psi_m(x-l)$, $l \in \mathbb{Z}$, so that as in [2] again, we have an algorithm for decomposing f_k in (1.2) into the sum of its orthogonal components $g_{k-1}, \dots, g_{k-l}, f_{k-l}$.

A duality principle which essentially states that the pair of two-scale relations can be used as the decomposition formula, and vice versa, will be introduced in §3, where the solutions N_m^* and ψ_m^* of the new (i.e. dual) two-scale relations are determined. It will be shown that N_m^* generates the multiresolution spaces $\{V_n\}$, while ψ_m^* generates the wavelets spaces $\{W_n\}$. Hence, by using the spline N_m^* and basic wavelet ψ_m^* , we have two finite sequences that yield a very efficient decomposition algorithm. In addition, it so happens that $\{N_m^*(x-j)\}$ gives rise to the dual basis of $\{N_m(x-j)\}$, and $\{\psi_m^*(x-j)\}$ yields the dual basis of $\{\psi_m(x-j)\}$. Consequently, every L^2 function can be easily decomposed as a direct sum of the compactly supported spline wavelets $\psi_{m;k,j}$ which have very simple explicit formulations.

2. COMPACTLY SUPPORTED SPLINE WAVELETS

Let m be an arbitrary positive integer which will be fixed throughout this paper, and let N_m denote the m th order B -spline defined in (1.1) that generates the multiresolution analysis (i)–(iv). We have the following result.

Theorem 1. *The m th order spline*

$$(2.1) \quad \psi_m(x) = \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \sum_{j=0}^{2m-2} (-1)^j N_{2m}(j+1) N_{2m}^{(m)}(2x-j),$$

with support $[0, 2m-1]$, is a basic wavelet that generates W_0 , and consequently, all the wavelet spaces W_k , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We remark that

$$\psi_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{1}{2}, \\ -1 & \text{for } \frac{1}{2} < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

is the well-known Haar function.

Proof. It is clear that

$$\text{supp } \psi_m = [0, 2m-1].$$

We first show that $\psi_m(x-j)$ is orthogonal to V_0 . To do so, we recall that

$$N_m^{(m)}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \delta(x-j)$$

(cf. [1, Chapter 1]), where δ denotes, as usual, the Dirac delta distribution. Hence, by setting $k = l_2 - l_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_m(x-l_1) N_m(x-l_2) dx \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{(-1)^j}{2^{m-1}} N_{2m}(j+1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} N_{2m}^{(m)}(2x-j) N_m(x-k) dx \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{(-1)^{m+j}}{2^{2m-1}} N_{2m}(j+1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} N_{2m}(2x-j+2k) N_m^{(m)}(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{(-1)^{m+p}}{2^{2m-1}} \binom{m}{p} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^j N_{2m}(j+1) N_{2m}(2p+2k-j) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all k , or all l_1 and l_2 , since the positive and negative terms exactly cancel one another as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^j N_{2m}(j+1) N_{2m}(2p+2k-j) \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{2m}(2j+1) N_{2m}(2p+2k-2j) \\ &\quad - \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{2m}(2j) N_{2m}(2p+2k-2j+1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

To verify that ψ_m is in V_1 , we need the spline identity

$$(2.2) \quad N_{2m}^{(m)}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} N_m(x-j)$$

(cf. [1, Chapter 1]). So, putting (2.2) into (2.1), we arrive at the two-scale relation:

$$(2.3) \quad \psi_m(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{3m-2} q_n N_m(2x - n),$$

where

$$(2.4) \quad q_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{m-1}} \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} N_{2m}(n - j + 1).$$

Finally, to show that ψ_m generates all of W_0 , we derive a decomposition relation; that is, we determine two l^2 sequences $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ such that

$$(2.5) \quad N_m(2x - l) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{l-2n} N_m(x - n) + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b_{l-2n} \psi_m(x - n)$$

for all $l \in \mathbb{Z}$. These two sequences have to depend on the sequences $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ that define the pair of two-scale relations (1.9) and (2.3), where the notation

$$(2.6) \quad p_n = \begin{cases} 2^{-m+1} \binom{m}{n} & \text{for } 0 \leq n \leq m, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for the coefficients in (1.9) is used. Of course, it follows from (2.4) that $q_n = 0$ for $n < 0$ or $n > 3m - 2$. To determine $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ in (2.5), it is more convenient to use Fourier transform representations. To do so, we need the notations:

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{cases} P(z) = \sum_{n=0}^m p_n z^n, & Q(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{3m-2} q_n z^n, \\ G(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n z^{-n}, & H(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b_n z^{-n}. \end{cases}$$

Hence, by setting

$$(2.8) \quad z = e^{-i\frac{\omega}{2}},$$

the Fourier transform representations of the identities (1.9), (2.3), and (2.5) become

$$(2.9) \quad \hat{N}_m(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} P(z) \hat{N}_m\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right),$$

$$(2.10) \quad \hat{\psi}_m(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} Q(z) \hat{N}_m\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right),$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \hat{N}_m\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right) = \frac{G(z) + G(-z)}{2} \hat{N}_m(\omega) + \frac{H(z) + H(-z)}{2} \hat{\psi}_m(\omega), \\ \frac{1}{2} \hat{N}_m\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right) = \frac{G(z) - G(-z)}{2} \hat{N}_m(\omega) + \frac{H(z) - H(-z)}{2} \hat{\psi}_m(\omega), \end{cases}$$

respectively, where the first identity in (2.11) is the Fourier transform representation of the identity (2.5) for even l , and the second identity in (2.11)

corresponds to odd values of l in (2.5). By using (2.9) and (2.10), the pair of identities in (2.11) can be written as

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{cases} P(z)G(z) + Q(z)H(z) = 2, \\ P(z)G(-z) + Q(z)H(-z) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Hence, solving for $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ in the decomposition relation (2.5) is equivalent to solving for $G(z)$ and $H(z)$ in (2.12). From (2.6) and (2.4), it is clear that

$$(2.13) \quad P(z) = 2^{-m+1}(1+z)^m \quad \text{and}$$

$$(2.14) \quad Q(z) = \frac{2^{-m+1}}{(2m-1)!}(1-z)^m \Pi_m(-z),$$

which are polynomials of degrees m and $3m-2$, respectively. The following identity for the Euler-Frobenius polynomials Π_m of degree $2m-2$, which was derived in [2], facilitates our solution for $G(z)$ and $H(z)$:

$$(2.15) \quad \frac{(1+z)^{2m}\Pi_m(z)}{z\Pi_m(z^2)} - \frac{(1-z)^{2m}\Pi_m(-z)}{z\Pi_m(z^2)} = 2^{2m}.$$

Indeed, with the aid of (2.15), it follows from (2.13) and (2.14), that

$$(2.16) \quad G(z) = \frac{1}{2^m}(1+z)^m \frac{\Pi_m(z)}{z\Pi_m(z^2)}$$

and

$$(2.17) \quad H(z) = \frac{-(2m-1)!}{2^m}(1-z)^m \frac{1}{z\Pi_m(z^2)}.$$

Recall from (1.6), (1.8), and (1.5) that

$$(2.18) \quad \frac{1}{z\Pi_m(z^2)} = \frac{z^{-2m+1}}{(2m-1)!}A(z^2) = \frac{1}{(2m-1)!} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_n^{(m)} z^{2n-2m+1}.$$

Hence, in view of (2.16) and (2.17), the decomposition sequences $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ in (2.5) and (2.7) are simply (finite) linear combinations of the sequence $\{\alpha_n^{(m)}\}$ which defines the fundamental cardinal spline L_{2m} in (1.4). This completes the proof of Theorem 1. \square

Recall from [5, pp. 37–38] that the rate of decay of $\{\alpha_n^{(m)}\}$ is $O(|r_m|^{-|n|})$ as $|n| \rightarrow \infty$, where r_1, \dots, r_{2m-2} are the roots of $\Pi_m(z)$ labeled in decreasing order:

$$r_{2m-2} < r_{2m-3} < \dots < r_m < -1 < r_{m-1} < \dots < r_1 < 0.$$

Hence, we have

$$(2.19) \quad a_n, b_n = O(|r_m|^{-\frac{|n|}{2}}), \quad |n| \rightarrow \infty.$$

Following our earlier work [2], we see that the two-scale (finite) sequences $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ yield a very efficient reconstruction algorithm, while the decomposition (exponential decay) sequences $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ define a decomposition algorithm. Since decomposition is usually more delicate than reconstruction, it is important to have finite sequences with very small supports for the decomposition algorithm while maintaining the certain order of smoothness of the

“spline” and “wavelet” functions such as our N_m and ψ_m which are both in C^{m-2} . A *duality principle* will be introduced in the next section to transform the finite two-scale sequences $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ into the desired pair of decomposition sequences without leaving the spline and wavelet spaces $\{V_n\}$ and $\{W_n\}$. We remark that Daubechies’ compactly supported (nonspline) wavelets [3] certainly yield finitely supported decomposition and reconstruction sequences, but the supports of these sequences have to be quite large if a certain order of smoothness (or regularity) is desired (cf. [3] for details). We will also see that since our compactly supported spline wavelet ψ_m has a very simple explicit formulation, this duality yields a very desirable decomposition of every L^2 function into a direct sum of the wavelets $\psi_{m;k,j}$.

3. A DUALITY PRINCIPLE AND DUAL BASES

As mentioned above, in this section we attempt to interchange the pair $(\{p_n\}, \{q_n\})$ of two-scale sequences with the pair $(\{a_n\}, \{b_n\})$ of decomposition sequences. However, due to the two-scale property, we find it more convenient to carry a factor of 2. In other words, let us define

$$(3.1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} P^*(z) = 2G(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} p_n^* z^n, \\ Q^*(z) = 2H(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q_n^* z^n, \\ G^*(z) = \frac{1}{2}P(z) = \sum_{n=0}^m a_{-n}^* z^n, \\ H^*(z) = \frac{1}{2}Q(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{3m-2} b_{-n}^* z^n, \end{array} \right.$$

which is equivalent to setting

$$(3.2) \quad p_n^* = 2a_{-n}, \quad q_n^* = 2b_{-n}, \quad a_{-n}^* = \frac{1}{2}p_n, \quad b_{-n}^* = \frac{1}{2}q_n,$$

where the sequences $\{a_n\}$, $\{b_n\}$, $\{p_n\}$, and $\{q_n\}$ were defined in the previous section. It is clear from the definitions (3.1) and (3.2) and the identities in (2.12), that provided that the pair of two-scale relations

$$(3.3a) \quad \hat{N}_m^*(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}P^*(z)\hat{N}_m^*\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right),$$

and

$$(3.3b) \quad \hat{\psi}_m^*(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}Q^*(z)\hat{N}_m^*\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right),$$

where $z = e^{-i\frac{\omega}{2}}$, have solutions N_m^* and ψ_m^* that generate $\{V_n\}$ and $\{W_n\}$, respectively, the decomposition relation

$$(3.4) \quad N_m^*(2x-l) = \sum_n \frac{1}{2}p_{2n-l}N_m^*(x-n) + \sum_n \frac{1}{2}q_{2n-l}\psi_m^*(x-n)$$

is automatically satisfied. So, it is sufficient to study the relations in (3.3a) and (3.3b), or equivalently, the relations

$$(3.5a) \quad N_m^*(x) = \sum_n 2a_n N_m^*(2x + n),$$

and

$$(3.5b) \quad \psi_m^*(x) = \sum_n 2b_n N_m^*(2x + n).$$

To state the following result, we need the basic wavelet η_m in (1.3) which was introduced in our previous work [2] (where the notation ψ is used).

Theorem 2. *The m th order spline*

$$(3.6) \quad N_m^*(x) := \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_j^{(m)} N_m(x + m - j)$$

generates V_0 and satisfies the two-scale relation (3.5a), and the (spline) wavelet

$$(3.7) \quad \psi_m^*(x) := -2^{-m+1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_j^{(m)} \eta_m(x + m - j)$$

generates W_0 and satisfies the two-scale relation (3.5b).

Proof. It is clear that $N_m^* \in V_0$ and $\psi_m^* \in W_0$. By using the interpolatory property $L_{2m}(k) = \delta_{k,0}$, we also have, from (1.4),

$$(3.8) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_j^{(m)} N_{2m}(k + m - j) = \delta_{k,0}.$$

Hence, it follows from (3.6) and (3.8) that

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_l N_{2m}(l) N_m^*(x - l) &= \sum_l \sum_j \alpha_j^{(m)} N_{2m}(l) N_m(x + m - j - l) \\ &= \sum_k \left\{ \sum_j \alpha_j^{(m)} N_{2m}(k + m - j) \right\} N_m(x - k) \\ &= \sum_k \delta_{k,0} N_m(x - k) = N_m(x), \end{aligned}$$

so that N_m^* generates V_0 . To verify that N_m^* satisfies the two-scale relation (3.5a), it is equivalent to verifying (3.3a), or

$$\hat{N}_m^*(\omega) = G(z) \hat{N}_m^*\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right).$$

This is certainly true since from (3.6), we have

$$(3.10) \quad \hat{N}_m^*(\omega) = z^{-2m} A(z^2) \hat{N}_m(\omega),$$

so that it follows from (1.6), (1.8), and (2.16) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\hat{N}_m^*(\omega)}{\hat{N}_m^*\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)} &= \frac{1}{z^m} \cdot \frac{A(z^2)}{A(z)} \cdot \frac{\hat{N}_m(\omega)}{\hat{N}_m\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{2z^m} P(z) \frac{A(z^2)}{A(z)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^m z^m} (1+z)^m \frac{z^{-m+1} \Pi_m(z)}{z^{-2m+2} \Pi_m(z^2)} = G(z). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, as in (3.9), it follows from (3.7) and (3.8) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_l -2^{m-1} N_{2m}(l) \psi_m^*(x-l) \\ &= \sum_l \sum_j \alpha_j^{(m)} N_{2m}(l) \eta_m(x+m-j-l) = \eta_m(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since η_m generates W_0 (cf. [2]), we conclude that ψ_m^* also generates W_0 . To verify the two-scale relation (3.5b), it is equivalent to verifying its Fourier transform representation (3.3b), or

$$\widehat{\psi}_m^*(\omega) = H(z) \widehat{N}_m^*\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right).$$

This can be seen by applying (2.15), (3.7) and (3.10). Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\widehat{\psi}_m^*(\omega)}{\widehat{N}^*\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)} &= -2^{-m+1} z^{-2m} A(z^2) \widehat{\eta}_m(z) \frac{1}{z^{-m} A(z) \widehat{N}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)} \\ &= -\frac{A(z^2) \left[\frac{1}{2}(1-z)^m z^{-m+1}\right] A(z) \widehat{N}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)}{2^{m-1} z^m A(z) \widehat{N}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)} \\ &= -\frac{(1-z)^m}{2^m z^{2m-1}} A(z^2) = \frac{-(2m-1)! (1-z)^m}{2^m z \Pi_m(z^2)} \\ &= H(z). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

It turns out that this duality principle yields the dual bases of the B -spline basis $\{N_m(x-j): j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and the basic wavelet basis $\{\psi_m(x-j): j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. For this purpose, we have the following result.

Theorem 3. For all $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$(3.11) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} N_m(x+m-j) N_m^*(x-k) dx = \delta_{j,k}$$

and

$$(3.12) \quad (-1)^m \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_m(x+2m-1-j) \psi_m^*(x-k) dx = \delta_{j,k}.$$

Proof. The proof of (3.11) depends on the Poisson summation formula which yields

$$\begin{aligned} (3.13) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{N}_{2m}(\omega + 2\pi j) &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{2m}(j) e^{-ij\omega} \\ &= z^{2m} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} N_{2m}(m+j) z^{2j} = \frac{z^{2m}}{A(z^2)} \end{aligned}$$

where $z = e^{-i\frac{\omega}{2}}$ and the last equality is a consequence of (1.7) and (1.6).

Hence, by applying (3.10) and (3.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.14) \quad & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} N_m^*(x) N_m(x + m - k) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{N}_m^*(\omega) \overline{\widehat{N}_m(\omega)} e^{i(m-k)\omega} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^{-2m} A(z^2) (\widehat{N}_m(\omega))^2 e^{ik\omega} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^{-2m} A(z^2) \widehat{N}_{2m}(\omega) e^{ik\omega} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{2\pi j}^{2\pi(j+1)} z^{-2m} A(z^2) \widehat{N}_{2m}(\omega) e^{ik\omega} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} z^{-2m} A(z^2) e^{ik\omega} \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{N}_{2m}(\omega + 2\pi j) \right) d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{ik\omega} d\omega = \delta_{k,0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This verifies (3.11). To establish (3.12), we first observe that by applying the two-scale relations to (3.14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_{k,0} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \overline{P(z)} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} P^*(z) \right) \widehat{N}_m^* \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right) \overline{\widehat{N}_m \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right)} e^{-i(m-k)\omega} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^m P(z) G(z) \widehat{N}_m^* \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right) \overline{\widehat{N}_m \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right)} e^{ik\omega} d\omega.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by applying the other pair of two-scale relations, the first identity in (2.12), and (3.14) again, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_m^*(x) \psi_m(x + 2m - 1 - k) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{\psi}_m^*(\omega) \overline{\widehat{\psi}_m(\omega)} e^{-i(2m-1-k)\omega} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \overline{Q(z)} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} Q^*(z) \right) \widehat{N}_m^* \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right) \overline{\widehat{N}_m \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right)} e^{-i(2m-1-k)\omega} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^m}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^m Q(z) H(z) \widehat{N}_m^* \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right) \overline{\widehat{N}_m \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right)} e^{ik\omega} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^m}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{N}_m^* \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right) \overline{\widehat{N}_m \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right)} e^{i(k-\frac{m}{2})\omega} d\omega \\
 &\quad - \frac{(-1)^m}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^m P(z) G(z) \widehat{N}_m^* \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right) \overline{\widehat{N}_m \left(\frac{\omega}{2} \right)} e^{ik\omega} d\omega \\
 &= (-1)^m (2\delta_{2k,0} - \delta_{k,0}) = (-1)^m \delta_{k,0}. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

As a trivial consequence of Theorem 3, we can now write down the dual bases of the B -splines $\{N_m(x-j)\}$ and the compactly supported basic wavelets $\{\psi_m(x-j)\}$ as follows. Let

$$(3.15) \quad \tilde{N}_m(x) = N_m^*(x-m) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_j^{(m)} N_m(x-j)$$

and

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\psi}_m(x) &= (-1)^m \psi_m^*(x-2m+1) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{2^{m-1}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_j^{(m)} \eta_m(x-m+1-j). \end{aligned}$$

Then by using the standard notation

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx,$$

we have

$$(3.17) \quad \langle N_m(\cdot-j), \tilde{N}_m(\cdot-l) \rangle = \delta_{j,l}$$

and

$$(3.18) \quad \langle \psi_m(\cdot-j), \tilde{\psi}_m(\cdot-l) \rangle = \delta_{j,l}$$

for all $j, l \in \mathbb{Z}$. In addition, if we set

$$(3.19) \quad \begin{cases} N_{m;k,j}(x) = N_m(2^k x - j), \\ \psi_{m;k,j}(x) = \psi_m(2^k x - j) \end{cases}$$

and

$$(3.20) \quad \begin{cases} \tilde{N}_{m;k,j}(x) = \tilde{N}_m(2^k x - j), \\ \tilde{\psi}_{m;k,j}(x) = \tilde{\psi}_m(2^k x - j), \end{cases}$$

then every spline function f_k in V_k , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, has the B -spline series representation

$$(3.21) \quad f_k = 2^k \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle f_k, \tilde{N}_{m;k,j} \rangle N_{m;k,j},$$

and every $f \in L^2$ has the wavelet decomposition

$$(3.22) \quad f = \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^k \langle f, \tilde{\psi}_{m;k,j} \rangle \psi_{m;k,j},$$

where

$$\text{supp}(\psi_{m;k,j}) = \left[\frac{j}{2^k}, \frac{2m-1+j}{2^k} \right].$$

Of course the validity of (3.22) follows from the property (vii) of the wavelet spaces $\{W_k\}$. It should be emphasized that the coefficients $2^{\frac{k}{2}} \langle f, \tilde{\psi}_{m;k,j} \rangle$ in (3.22) are the integral wavelet transforms

$$(W_{\tilde{\psi}_m} f)(b, a) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \overline{\tilde{\psi}_m\left(\frac{x-b}{a}\right)} dx$$

of f with “window wavelet” function $\tilde{\psi}$ evaluated at the dyadic points

$$(b, a) = \left(\frac{j}{2^k}, 2^{-k} \right).$$

Hence, the decomposition algorithm discussed in [2] can be used to efficiently compute the integral wavelet transform of f at these dyadic points, and the reconstruction algorithm in [2] can be used to recover f from these values of the integral wavelet transform of f . The only difference in applying the B -spline and B -wavelet pair (N_m, ψ_m) from the orthonormal wavelets of Daubechies [3], say, is that the dual $\tilde{\psi}_m$ of ψ_m is used as the window wavelet function, while orthonormal wavelets are of course self-dual. A disadvantage in our dual approach here is that while the reconstruction sequences are finite, the decomposition sequences are infinite although they have very rapid exponential decay. An advantage of our wavelets ψ_m and $\tilde{\psi}_m$ over the Daubechies wavelets is that both ψ_m and $\tilde{\psi}_m$ are either symmetric or antisymmetric, so that the filtering process has linear phase, while the non-Haar compactly supported orthogonal wavelets do not have this property. In addition, the symmetry of these “filtering” coefficients facilitates implementation of the algorithms.

Final Remarks. Nonorthogonal compactly supported wavelets have also been studied by P. Auscher in his 1989 Doctoral Thesis at the University of Paris-Dauphine, without giving any explicit formulas. On the other hand, biorthogonal bases have just been constructed in June, 1990 by Cohen, Daubechies, and Feauveau, and in the 1990 Doctoral Theses of A. Cohen and of Feauveau, at the University of Paris-Dauphine and the University of Paris-Sud, respectively. These bases functions are symmetric and have compact support, but orthogonality between different scale wavelet layers is lost. Hence, the work of the compactly supported wavelets ψ_m and their corresponding dual wavelets $\tilde{\psi}_m$ in this paper can be considered as intermediate between Daubechies’ compactly supported orthogonal wavelets and the biorthogonal wavelets of Cohen, Daubechies, and Feauveau. This interesting observation was pointed out by the referee, to whom we are very appreciative.

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