

# Orthogonal $p$ -wavelets on $\mathbf{R}_+$

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## Abstract

In this paper we give a general construction of compactly supported orthogonal  $p$ -wavelets in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  arising from scaling filters with  $p^n$  many terms. For all integer  $p \geq 2$  these wavelets are identified with certain lacunary Walsh series on  $\mathbf{R}_+$ . The case where  $p = 2$  was studied by W.C. Lang mainly from the point of view of the wavelet analysis on the Cantor dyadic group (the dyadic or 2-series local field). Our approach is connected with the Walsh – Fourier transform and the elements of  $M$ -band wavelet theory.

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## 1 Introduction

It is well-known that the scaling function  $\varphi$  for a system of  $p$ -wavelets with compact support on the real line  $\mathbf{R}$  satisfies a refinement equation of the type

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{k=0}^N c_k \varphi(px - k).$$

The case where  $p = 2$  have been studied by many authors in great detail (see, e.g., [1], [2], and references therein). The wavelet theory for integer values of

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$p > 2$  is also developed and have some applications in the image processing context (see [3] for the bibliography and [4] for more recent results). In this paper we give a general construction of compactly supported orthogonal  $p$ -wavelets on the positive half-line.

Let  $p$  be a fixed natural number greater than 1. As usual, let  $\mathbf{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_+ = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ . Denote by  $[x]$  the integer part of  $x$ . For  $x \in \mathbf{R}_+$  and any positive integer  $j$  we set

$$x_j = [p^j x](\text{mod } p), \quad x_{-j} = [p^{1-j} x](\text{mod } p), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $x_j, x_{-j} \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ . It is clear that for each  $x \in \mathbf{R}_+$  there exists  $k = k(x)$  in  $\mathbf{N}$  such that  $x_{-j} = 0$  for all  $j > k$ .

Consider on  $\mathbf{R}_+$  the addition defined as follows: if  $z = x \oplus y$ , then

$$z = \sum_{j < 0} \zeta_j p^{-j-1} + \sum_{j > 0} \zeta_j p^{-j}$$

with

$$\zeta_j = x_j + y_j (\text{mod } p) \quad (j \in \mathbf{Z} \setminus \{0\}),$$

where  $\zeta_j \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$  and  $x_j, y_j$  are calculated by (1.1). We note that this binary operation appears in the study of the dyadic Hardy spaces on  $\mathbf{R}_+$  (see, e.g., [5]). It also is implicit in the book [6] where  $\oplus$  is used for the study of Walsh series and there applications in the image and date compression.

As usual, we write  $z = x \ominus y$ , if  $z \oplus y = x$ .

Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Consider a refinement equation of the type

$$\varphi(x) = p \sum_{\alpha=0}^{p^n-1} a_\alpha \varphi(px \ominus \alpha). \quad (1.2)$$

The case where  $p = 2$  was studied by W.C. Lang [7]–[9] mainly from the point of view of the wavelet analysis on the Cantor dyadic group (the dyadic or 2-series local field). As noted in [9], the Cantor dyadic group is rather different in structure than other groups for which wavelet construction have been carried out.

Denote by  $\mathbf{1}_E$  the characteristic function of a subset  $E$  of  $\mathbf{R}_+$ . It was shown in [7] that the function  $\varphi$  defined by

$$\varphi(x) = (1/2) \mathbf{1}_{[0,1)}(x/2) (1 + a \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b^j w_{2^{j+1}-1}(x/2)), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}_+, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $0 < a \leq 1, a^2 + b^2 = 1$ , and  $\{w_m(x)\}$  is the classical Walsh system, satisfies the equation (1.2) with  $p = n = 2$  and

$$a_0 = (1+a+b)/4, \quad a_1 = (1+a-b)/4, \quad a_2 = (1-a-b)/4, \quad a_3 = (1-a+b)/4.$$

Moreover, the corresponding wavelet is given by

$$\psi(x) = 2a_0\varphi(2x \ominus 1) - 2a_1\varphi(2x) + 2a_2\varphi(2x \ominus 3) - 2a_3\varphi(2x \ominus 2).$$

Our purpose here is to extend these results for all possible  $p$  and  $n$ . In particular, a method is given to construct a system of wavelets that can be used to decompose functions in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  which is based on decimation by an integer  $p > 2$ . Among motivations can be point out applications of the  $p$ -series local fields to digital signal processing (e.g., [6, Ch.12]) and the similar results in the wavelet theory on the line  $\mathbf{R}$  (see, e.g., [10]). Our main results, Theorems 1 and 2, may be strengthened to provide  $p$ -wavelet bases for spaces beyond  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  ( cf. [7, § 4], [9, § 4]).

For integer  $n \geq 2$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{N}_0(p, n)$  the set of all natural numbers  $m \geq p^{n-1}$  for which in the  $p$ -ary expansion

$$m = \sum_{j=0}^k \mu_j p^j, \quad \mu_j \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}, \quad \mu_k \neq 0, \quad k = k(m) \in \mathbf{Z}_+, \quad (1.4)$$

there is no  $n$ -tuple  $(\mu_j, \mu_{j+1}, \dots, \mu_{j+n-1})$  that coincides with some of the  $n$ -tuples

$$(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1), (0, 0, \dots, 0, 2), \dots, (0, 0, \dots, 0, p-1).$$

Put  $\mathbf{N}(p, n) = \{1, 2, \dots, p^{n-1} - 1\} \cup \mathbf{N}_0(p, n)$ . For example:

$$\mathbf{N}(2, 2) = \{2^{j+1} - 1 \mid j \in \mathbf{Z}_+\} = \{1, 3, 7, 15, 31, \dots\},$$

$$\mathbf{N}(2, 3) = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 21, \dots\},$$

$$\mathbf{N}(3, 2) = \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^k m_j 3^j \mid m_j \in \{1, 2\}, k \in \mathbf{Z}_+ \right\} = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, \dots\}.$$

For every  $m \in \mathbf{N}(p, n), 1 \leq m \leq p^n - 1$ , we choose a (real or complex) number  $b_m$  in such a way that

$$b_j \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |b_j|^2 + |b_{p^{n-1}+j}|^2 + |b_{2p^{n-1}+j}|^2 + \dots + |b_{(p-1)p^{n-1}+j}|^2 = 1 \quad (1.5)$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p^{n-1} - 1$ . In the case  $p = n = 2$  we have only one equality:  $|b_1|^2 + |b_3|^2 = 1$ . Also, it is easy to see that

$$|b_1|^2 + |b_5|^2 = |b_2|^2 + |b_6|^2 = |b_3|^2 + |b_7|^2 = 1, \quad \text{if } p = 2, n = 3$$

and

$$|b_1|^2 + |b_4|^2 + |b_7|^2 = |b_2|^2 + |b_5|^2 + |b_8|^2 = 1, \quad \text{if } p = 3, n = 2.$$

The condition (1.5) is necessary for the orthonormality of our system  $\{\varphi(\cdot \ominus k) \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}_+\}$  (see assertion (b) in Theorem 2 below).

For  $m \in \mathbf{N}(p, n)$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq p^n - 1$ , we set

$$c(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) = b_m, \quad \text{if } m = i_1 p^0 + i_2 p^1 + \dots + i_n p^{n-1}, \quad i_j \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}.$$

Then for  $m \in \mathbf{N}(p, n)$  using  $p$ -ary expansion (1.4) we write:

$$A(m) = c(\mu_0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0), \quad \text{if } k(m) = 0;$$

$$A(m) = c(\mu_1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0)c(\mu_0, \mu_1, 0, \dots, 0, 0), \quad \text{if } k(m) = 1;$$

...

$$A(m) = c(\mu_k, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0)c(\mu_{k-1}, \mu_k, 0, \dots, 0, 0) \dots \\ \dots c(\mu_0, \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_{n-2}, \mu_{n-1}), \quad \text{if } k = k(m) \geq n - 1.$$

And for  $s \in \{0, 1, \dots, p^n - 1\}$  we put

$$d_s^{(n)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } s = 0, \\ b_s, & \text{if } s = j + lp^{n-1} \quad (1 \leq j \leq p^{n-1} - 1, 0 \leq l \leq p - 1), \\ 0, & \text{if } s = p^n - lp^{n-1} \quad (1 \leq l \leq p - 1). \end{cases}$$

For  $x \in [0, 1)$ , let  $r_0(x)$  be given by

$$r_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in [0, 1/p), \\ \varepsilon_p^l, & \text{if } x \in [lp^{-1}, (l+1)p^{-1}) \quad (l = 1, \dots, p - 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $\varepsilon_p = \exp(2\pi i/p)$ . The extension of the function  $r_0$  to  $\mathbf{R}_+$  is defined by the equality  $r_0(x+1) = r_0(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}_+$ . Then *the generalized Walsh functions*  $\{w_m(x)\} (m \in \mathbf{Z}_+)$  are defined by

$$w_0(x) \equiv 1, \quad w_m(x) = \prod_{j=0}^k (r_0(p^j x))^{\mu_j},$$

where

$$m = \sum_{j=0}^k \mu_j p^j, \quad \mu_j \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}, \quad \mu_k \neq 0$$

(the classical Walsh system corresponds to the case  $p = 2$ ).

For  $x, \omega \in \mathbf{R}_+$ , let

$$\chi(x, \omega) = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{p} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (x_j \omega_{-j} + x_{-j} \omega_j)\right), \quad (1.6)$$

where  $x_j, \omega_j$  are given by (1.1). Note that  $\chi(x, m/p^{n-1}) = \chi(x/p^{n-1}, m) = w_m(x/p^{n-1})$  for all  $x \in [0, p^{n-1})$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ .

**Theorem 1.** *The function  $\varphi$  given by the formula*

$$\varphi(x) = (1/p^{n-1}) \mathbf{1}_{[0,1)}(x/p^{n-1}) \left(1 + \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}(p,n)} A(m) w_m(x/p^{n-1})\right), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}_+, \quad (1.7)$$

*is a solution of the refinement equation (1.2) provided  $\{a_\alpha\}$  satisfy the linear equations*

$$\sum_{\alpha=0}^{p^n-1} a_\alpha \overline{\chi(\alpha, sp^{-n})} = d_s^{(n)} \quad (0 \leq s \leq p^n - 1). \quad (1.8)$$

*Moreover, the system  $\{\varphi(\cdot \ominus k) \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}_+\}$  is orthonormal in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ .*

It is easily seen that (1.7) coincides with (1.3) when  $p = n = 2$  and  $b_1 = a, b_3 = b$ .

**Example 1.** Suppose that  $b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_{p^{n-1}-1} = 1$ . Then, by (1.5),  $b_m = 0$  for  $m \geq p^{n-1}$  and hence

$$A(m) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m \in \{1, \dots, p^{n-1} - 1\}, \\ 0, & \text{if } m \in \mathbf{N}_0(p, n). \end{cases}$$

Since

$$\sum_{m=0}^{p^{n-1}-1} \chi(y, m) = \begin{cases} p^{n-1}, & \text{if } 0 \leq y < 1/p^{n-1}, \\ 0, & \text{if } 1/p^{n-1} \leq y < 1 \end{cases}$$

(see [6, § 1.5]), we have  $\varphi = \mathbf{1}_{[0, p^{n-1})}$ . This function satisfies the equation (1.2) when  $a_0 = \dots = a_{p-1} = 1/p$  and  $a_\alpha = 0$  for  $\alpha \geq p$ . Note that Theorem 1 is still true for  $n = 1$  (the Haar case), if we assume  $\mathbf{N}(p, 1) = \emptyset$ .

**Example 2** (cf. [9, § 5.4]). Suppose  $\varphi$  is given by (1.7) with  $p = 2, n = 3$ , and

$$b_1 = a, \quad b_2 = b, \quad b_3 = c, \quad b_5 = \alpha, \quad b_6 = \beta, \quad b_7 = \gamma,$$

where

$$|a|^2 + |\alpha|^2 = |b|^2 + |\beta|^2 = |c|^2 + |\gamma|^2 = 1.$$

Then  $\varphi$  satisfies the equation

$$\varphi(x) = 2 \sum_{j=0}^7 a_j \varphi(2x \ominus j)$$

with the coefficients

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{8}(1 + a + b + c + \alpha + \beta + \gamma),$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{8}(1 + a + b + c - \alpha - \beta - \gamma),$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{8}(1 + a - b - c + \alpha - \beta - \gamma),$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{8}(1 + a - b - c - \alpha + \beta + \gamma),$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{8}(1 - a + b - c - \alpha + \beta - \gamma),$$

$$a_5 = \frac{1}{8}(1 - a + b - c + \alpha - \beta + \gamma),$$

$$a_6 = \frac{1}{8}(1 - a - b + c - \alpha - \beta + \gamma),$$

$$a_7 = \frac{1}{8}(1 - a - b + c + \alpha + \beta - \gamma).$$

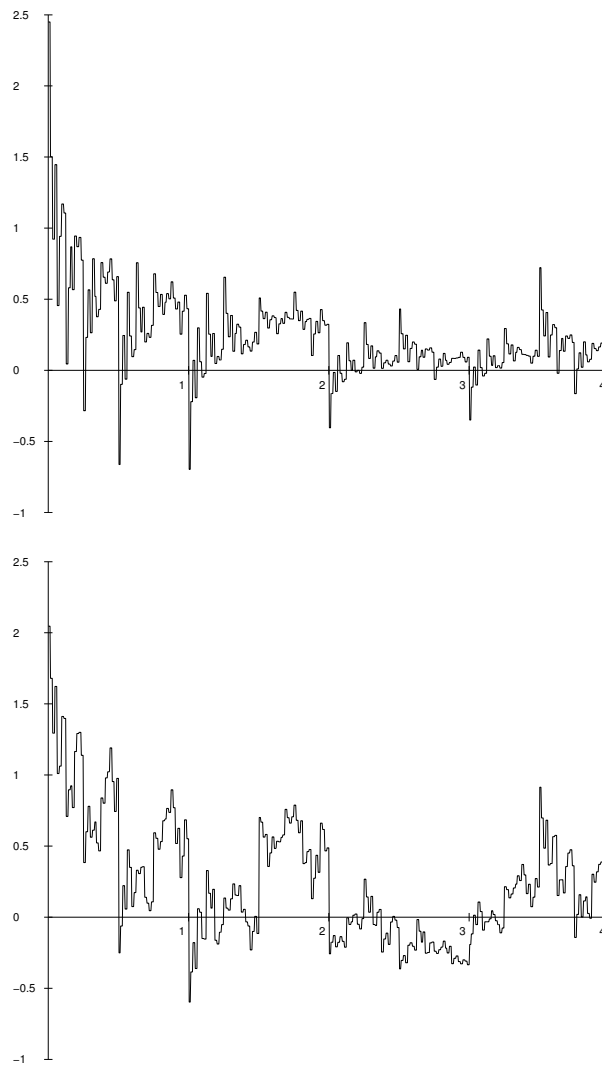


Figure 1: The scaling functions of example 2 for  $a = 0.6, b = 0.4, c = 0.57, \alpha = 0.8, \beta = 0.9165, \gamma = 0.8216$  (top) and for  $a = 0.9, b = 0.1, c = 0.87, \alpha = 0.4359, \beta = 0.9499, \gamma = 0.4931$  (bottom).

We give graphs of  $\varphi$  for certain values of  $a, b, c, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$  (see Figs. 1– 2). All plottings were generated using MatLab 6.5.

**Example 3.** Let  $\varphi$  be given by (1.7) with  $p = 3, n = 2$ , and

$$b_1 = a, b_2 = \alpha, b_4 = b, b_5 = \beta, b_7 = c, b_8 = \gamma,$$

where

$$|a|^2 + |b|^2 + |c|^2 = |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 + |\gamma|^2 = 1.$$

Then  $\varphi$  satisfies the equation

$$\varphi(x) = 3 \sum_{j=0}^8 a_j \varphi(3x \ominus j)$$

with the coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{9}(1 + a + b + c + \alpha + \beta + \gamma), \\ a_1 &= \frac{1}{9}(1 + a + \alpha + (b + \beta)\varepsilon_3^2 + (c + \gamma)\varepsilon_3), \\ a_2 &= \frac{1}{9}(1 + a + \alpha + (b + \beta)\varepsilon_3 + (c + \gamma)\varepsilon_3^2), \\ a_3 &= \frac{1}{9}(1 + (a + b + c)\varepsilon_3^2 + (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)\varepsilon_3), \\ a_4 &= \frac{1}{9}(1 + c + \beta + (a + \gamma)\varepsilon_3^2 + (b + \alpha)\varepsilon_3), \\ a_5 &= \frac{1}{9}(1 + b + \gamma + (a + \beta)\varepsilon_3^2 + (c + \alpha)\varepsilon_3), \\ a_6 &= \frac{1}{9}(1 + (a + b + c)\varepsilon_3 + (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)\varepsilon_3^2), \\ a_7 &= \frac{1}{9}(1 + b + \gamma + (a + \beta)\varepsilon_3 + (c + \alpha)\varepsilon_3^2), \\ a_8 &= \frac{1}{9}(1 + c + \beta + (a + \gamma)\varepsilon_3 + (b + \alpha)\varepsilon_3^2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon_3 = \exp(2\pi i/3)$ .

We note, that for all  $p, n$

$$a_\alpha = \frac{1}{p^n} \sum_{s=0}^{p^n-1} d_s^{(n)} \chi(\alpha, sp^{-n}) \quad (0 \leq \alpha \leq p^n - 1), \quad (1.9)$$

which follows from (1.8). This relation is an analogue of the inverse discrete Fourier transform (for the corresponding fast algorithm see, e.g., [11, p.459]).



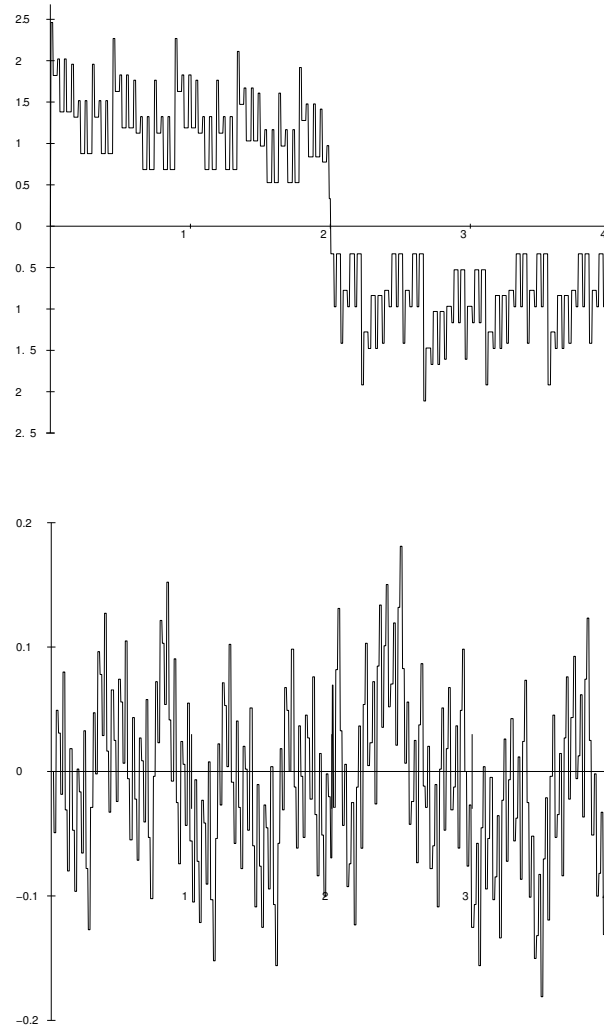


Figure 2: The real part (top) and imaginary part (bottom) of scaling function  $\varphi$  from example 3 with  $a = 0.3$ ,  $b = 0.5$ ,  $c = 0.8124$ ,  $\alpha = 0.4$ ,  $\beta = 0.7$ ,  $\gamma = 0.5916$ .

## 2 The Walsh – Fourier transform and multiresolution $p$ -analysis

The Walsh – Fourier transform of a function  $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}_+)$  is defined by

$$\tilde{f}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbf{R}_+} f(x) \overline{\chi(x, \omega)} dx,$$

where  $\chi(x, \omega)$  is given by (1.6). If  $f \in L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and

$$J_a f(\omega) = \int_0^a f(x) \overline{\chi(x, \omega)} dx \quad (a > 0),$$

then  $\tilde{f}$  is defined as the limit of  $J_a f$  in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  as  $a \rightarrow \infty$ .

The properties of the Walsh – Fourier transform are quite similar to those of the classical Fourier transform (see, e.g., [6, Ch.6] or [11, Ch.9]). In particular, if  $f \in L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , then  $\tilde{f} \in L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and

$$\|\tilde{f}\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)} = \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)}.$$

If  $x, y, \omega \in \mathbf{R}_+$  and  $x \oplus y$  is  $p$ -adic irrational, than

$$\chi(x \oplus y, \omega) = \chi(x, \omega) \chi(y, \omega), \quad (2.1)$$

(see [6, § 1.5]). Thus, for fixed  $x$  and  $\omega$ , the equality (2.1) holds for all  $y \in \mathbf{R}_+$  except for countably many. It is known also, that the systems  $\{\chi(\alpha, \cdot)\}_{\alpha=0}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\chi(\cdot, \alpha)\}_{\alpha=0}^{\infty}$  are orthonormal bases in  $L^2[0, 1]$ .

According to [6, § 6.2] for any  $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  we have

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}_+} \varphi(x) \overline{\varphi(x \ominus k)} dx = \int_{\mathbf{R}_+} |\tilde{\varphi}(\omega)|^2 \overline{\chi(k, \omega)} d\omega, \quad k \in \mathbf{Z}_+. \quad (2.2)$$

Let us denote by  $\{\omega\}$  the fractional part of  $\omega$ . For  $k \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ , we have  $\chi(k, \omega) = \chi(k, \{\omega\})$ . Thus from (2.2) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}_+} \varphi(x) \overline{\varphi(x \ominus k)} dx &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \int_l^{l+1} |\tilde{\varphi}(\omega)|^2 \overline{\chi(k, \{\omega\})} d\omega \\ &= \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{l \in \mathbf{Z}_+} |\tilde{\varphi}(\omega + l)|^2 \right) \overline{\chi(k, \omega)} d\omega. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, a necessary and sufficient condition for a system  $\{\varphi(\cdot \ominus k) \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}_+\}$  to be orthonormal in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  is

$$\sum_{l \in \mathbf{Z}_+} |\tilde{\varphi}(\omega + l)|^2 = 1 \quad \text{a.e.} \quad (2.3)$$

**Definition.** A *multiresolution  $p$ -analysis* in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  is a sequence of closed subspaces  $V_j \subset L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  ( $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ ) such that the following hold:

- (i)  $V_j \subset V_{j+1}$  for all  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ .
- (ii) The union  $\bigcup V_j$  is dense in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , and  $\bigcap V_j = \{0\}$ .
- (iii)  $f(\cdot) \in V_j \iff f(p \cdot) \in V_{j+1}$  for all  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ .
- (iv)  $f(\cdot) \in V_0 \implies f(\cdot \oplus k) \in V_0$  for all  $k \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ .
- (v) There is a function  $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  such that  $\{\varphi(\cdot \ominus k) \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}_+\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V_0$ .

The function  $\varphi$  is called a *scaling function* in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ .

By conditions (v) and (iii) the functions  $\varphi_{1,k}(x) = p^{1/2}\varphi(px \ominus k)$  ( $k \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ ) constitute an orthonormal basis in  $V_1$ . Since  $V_0 \subset V_1$ , the scaling function  $\varphi$  belongs to  $V_1$  and has the Fourier expansion

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} h_k p^{1/2} \varphi(px \ominus k), \quad h_k = \int_{\mathbf{R}_+} \varphi(x) \overline{\varphi_{1,k}(x)} dx.$$

This implies that

$$\varphi(x) = p \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+} a_\alpha \varphi(px \ominus \alpha), \quad \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+} |a_\alpha|^2 < +\infty, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $a_\alpha = p^{-1/2}h_\alpha$ . Under the Walsh – Fourier transform we have

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = m_0(p^{-1}\omega) \tilde{\varphi}(p^{-1}\omega), \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$m_0(\omega) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+} a_\alpha \overline{\chi(\alpha, \omega)}. \quad (2.6)$$

When  $p = 2$  a function  $\psi$  given by the formula

$$\psi(x) = 2 \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+} (-1)^\alpha \bar{a}_\alpha \varphi(2x \ominus (\alpha \oplus 1)) \quad (2.7)$$

is a wavelet in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , associated with the scaling function  $\varphi$ . Therefore, the system of functions

$$\psi_{j,k}(x) = 2^{j/2}\psi(2^j x \ominus k) \quad (j \in \mathbf{Z}, k \in \mathbf{Z}_+)$$

is an orthonormal bases in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  (cf. [1, § 5.1] and [9, § 3]).

Let  $p > 2$ . It follows from (2.3) and (2.5) that

$$|m_0(\omega)|^2 + |m_0(\omega + 1/p)|^2 + \dots + |m_0(\omega + (p-1)/p)|^2 = 1 \quad (2.8)$$

for a.e.  $\omega \in [0, 1)$ . Suppose that we have  $p-1$  functions

$$m_l(\omega) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+} a_\alpha^{(l)} \overline{\chi(\alpha, \omega)}, \quad \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+} |a_\alpha^{(l)}|^2 < +\infty \quad (1 \leq l \leq p-1),$$

such that

$$(m_l(\omega + k/p))_{l,k=0}^{p-1} \quad (2.9)$$

is a unitary matrix for a.e.  $\omega \in [0, 1)$  (for the problem of unitary extension see, e.g., [10],[12],[13]). We set

$$\psi_l(x) = p \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+} a_\alpha^{(l)} \varphi(px \ominus \alpha) \quad (2.10)$$

and

$$W_0^{(l)} = \text{clos}_{L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)} \text{span} \{ \psi_l(\cdot \ominus k) \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}_+ \} \quad (1 \leq l \leq p-1).$$

Let  $W_j$  be the orthogonal complement of  $V_j$  in  $V_{j+1}$ . Then

$$W_0 = \bigoplus_{l=1}^{p-1} W_0^{(l)}, \quad L^2(\mathbf{R}_+) = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} W_j,$$

where  $\bigoplus$  denotes the orthogonal direct sum with the inner product of  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ . Moreover, the system of functions

$$\psi_{j,k,l}(x) = p^{j/2} \psi_l(p^j x \ominus k) \quad (j \in \mathbf{Z}, k \in \mathbf{Z}_+, 1 \leq l \leq p-1) \quad (2.11)$$

is an orthonormal bases in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  (cf. [10], [14]).

### 3 Construction of $p$ -wavelets

Let  $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  satisfies the refinement equation (1.2). As before, we get

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = m_0(p^{-1}\omega)\tilde{\varphi}(p^{-1}\omega), \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$m_0(\omega) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{p^n-1} a_\alpha \overline{\chi(\alpha, \omega)}. \quad (3.2)$$

Suppose that

$$m_0(0) = 1 \quad (\text{i.e.} \quad \sum_{\alpha=0}^{p^n-1} a_\alpha = 1).$$

Put

$$\Delta_s^{(n)} := [sp^{-n}, (s+1)p^{-n}) \quad \text{for } s \in \mathbf{Z}_+.$$

Then  $m_0(\omega)$  is a constant on  $\Delta_s^{(n)}$  for each  $s$  and  $m_0(\omega) = 1$  on  $\Delta_0^{(n)}$ . It follows from (3.1) that

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} m_0(p^{-j}\omega), \quad \omega \in \mathbf{R}_+. \quad (3.3)$$

We note that  $m_0(p^{-j}\omega) = 1$  as  $p^{-j}\omega \in \Delta_0^{(n)}$  (so product (3.3) is finite for every  $\omega \in \mathbf{R}_+$ ).

We say that a function  $f : \mathbf{R}_+ \mapsto \mathbf{C}$  is  $W$ -continuous at a point  $x \in \mathbf{R}_+$ , if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(x \oplus y) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$  for  $0 < y < \delta$ . It is known that  $\chi(\alpha, \cdot)$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ ) are  $W$ -continuous functions. By (3.2) and (3.3), the same is true for  $m_0$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}$ . Moreover,  $m_0$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}$  are uniformly  $W$ -continuous in  $[0,1)$  (cf. [6, § 2.3], [11, § 9.2]).

The collection  $\{[0, p^{-j}) | j \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is a fundamental system of neighborhoods of zero in the  $W$ -topology on  $\mathbf{R}_+$  (cf. [6, § 1.2]).

Suppose that  $E$  is a  $W$ -compact set in  $\mathbf{R}_+$ . The notation  $E \equiv [0,1) \pmod{\mathbf{Z}_+}$  means that for each  $x \in [0,1)$  there exists  $k \in \mathbf{Z}_+$  such that  $x \oplus k \in E$ . Denote by  $\mu$  the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbf{R}_+$ .

We can now state the analogue of Cohen's theorem (cf. [1, § 6.3] and [2, § 9.5]):

**Theorem 2.** *Let*

$$m_0(\omega) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{p^n-1} a_\alpha \overline{\chi(\alpha, \omega)}$$

be a polynomial satisfying the following conditions:

- (a)  $m_0(0) = 1$ .
- (b)  $\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} |m_0(sp^{-n} \oplus jp^{-1})|^2 = 1$  for  $s = 0, 1, \dots, p^{n-1} - 1$ .
- (c) There exists a  $W$ -compact set  $E$  such that  $\text{int}(E) \ni 0, \mu(E) = 1, E \equiv [0, 1)(\text{mod } \mathbf{Z}_+)$ , and

$$\inf_{j \in \mathbf{N}} \inf_{\omega \in E} |m_0(p^{-j}\omega)| > 0. \quad (3.4)$$

If the Walsh - Fourier transform of  $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  can be written as

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} m_0(p^{-j}\omega), \quad (3.5)$$

then  $\varphi$  is a scaling function in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ .

**Remark 1.** Assertion (b) of Theorem 2 is nothing but the statement that for our polynomial  $m_0$  the equality (2.8) is true.

**Remark 2.** It is easy to check that  $m_0$  with the coefficients  $\{a_\alpha\}$  from (1.8) satisfies all conditions of Theorem 2. For example, since

$$m_0(\omega) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } \omega \in [0, 1/p),$$

condition (c) holds for  $E = [0, 1)$ . Therefore, the function  $\varphi$  given by (1.7) is a scaling function in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ .

Theorems 1 and 2 tell us a general procedure to design  $p$ -wavelets in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  :

1. Choose a set of numbers  $\{b_m : m \in \mathbf{N}(p, n), 1 \leq m \leq p^n - 1\}$  so that (1.5) is true.
2. Compute  $\{a_\alpha\}$  by (1.9).
3. With  $m_0$  defined by (3.2) find

$$m_l(\omega) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+} a_\alpha^{(l)} \overline{\chi(\alpha, \omega)}, \quad (1 \leq l \leq p-1),$$

such that  $(m_l(\omega + k/p))_{l,k=0}^{p-1}$  is a unitary matrix.

4. Define  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{p-1}$  by (2.10).

**Remark 3.** For wavelet construction the condition  $b_j \neq 0$  in (1.5) can be replaced by assertion (c) of Theorem 2.

In connection with Remark 3 we give the following

**Example 4.** Let  $p = 2$ ,  $n = 3$  and

$$m_0(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in [0, 1/4) \cup [3/8, 1/2) \cup [3/4, 7/8), \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in [1/4, 3/8) \cup [1/2, 3/4) \cup [7/8, 1). \end{cases}$$

Then from (3.3) we see that  $\tilde{\varphi} = \mathbf{1}_E$  where  $E = [0, 1/2) \cup [3/4, 1) \cup [3/2, 7/4)$ . Under the inverse Walsh – Fourier transform we obtain

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{1}_{[0,2)}(x) + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{1}_{[0,4)}(x)[w_3(x/4) + w_6(x/4)]$$

(see also Example 2 for  $a = c = 1$ ,  $b = 0$ ). By Theorem 2, this function generate a multiresolution 2-analysis in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ .

## 4 Proofs

To prove Theorems 1 and 2, we need the following lemma (cf. [1, § 6.3] and [2, § 9.5]):

**Lemma 1.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 2 the system  $\{\varphi(\cdot \ominus k) \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}_+\}$  is orthonormal in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ .*

*Proof.* For  $l \in \mathbf{N}$  let

$$\mu^{[l]}(\omega) = \prod_{j=1}^l m_0(\omega/p^j) \mathbf{1}_E(\omega/p^l), \quad \omega \in \mathbf{R}_+.$$

Since  $0 \in \text{int}(E)$  and  $m_0(\omega) = 1$  on  $\Delta_0^{(n)}$ , we obtain from (3.5)

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \mu^{[l]}(\omega) = \tilde{\varphi}(\omega), \quad \omega \in \mathbf{R}_+. \quad (4.1)$$

Also, by (a) and (c), there exists a number  $j_0$  such that

$$m_0(\omega/p^j) = 1 \quad \text{for } j > j_0, \omega \in E.$$

Thus,

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = \prod_{j=1}^{j_0} m_0(p^{-j}\omega), \quad \omega \in E.$$

By (3.4), there is a constant  $c_1 > 0$  such that

$$|m_0(\omega/p^j)| \geq c_1 \quad \text{for } j \in \mathbf{N}, \omega \in E,$$

and so

$$c_1^{-j_0} |\tilde{\varphi}(\omega)| \geq \mathbf{1}_E(\omega), \quad \omega \in \mathbf{R}_+.$$

Therefore

$$|\mu^{[l]}(\omega)| = \prod_{j=1}^l |m_0(\omega/p^j)| \mathbf{1}_E(\omega/p^l) \leq c_1^{-j_0} \prod_{j=1}^l |m_0(\omega/p^j)| |\tilde{\varphi}(\omega/p^l)|$$

which by (3.5) yields

$$|\mu^{[l]}(\omega)| \leq c_1^{-j_0} |\tilde{\varphi}(\omega)| \quad \text{for } l \in \mathbf{N}, \omega \in \mathbf{R}_+. \quad (4.2)$$

Now, for  $l \in \mathbf{N}$  we define

$$I_l(s) := \int_{\mathbf{R}_+} |\mu^{[l]}(\omega)|^2 \overline{\chi(s, \omega)} d\omega, \quad s \in \mathbf{Z}_+.$$

Setting  $E_l := \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}_+ | p^{-l}\omega \in E\}$  and  $\zeta = p^{-l}\omega$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_l(s) &= \int_{E_l} \prod_{j=1}^l |m_0(\omega/p^j)|^2 \overline{\chi(s, \omega)} d\omega = \\ &= p^l \int_E |m_0(\zeta)|^2 \prod_{j=1}^{l-1} |m_0(p^j \zeta)|^2 \overline{\chi(s, p^l \zeta)} d\zeta, \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

where the last integrand is 1-periodic.

Using the assumption  $E \equiv [0, 1)(\text{mod } \mathbf{Z}_+)$  and changing the variable we get from (4.3)

$$I_l(s) = p^{l-1} \int_0^1 \sum_0^{p-1} |m_0(\xi/p + i/p)|^2 \prod_{j=1}^{l-1} |m_0(p^{j-1}\xi)|^2 \overline{\chi(s, p^{l-1}\xi)} d\xi.$$

Therefore, in view of Remark 1,

$$I_l(s) = p^{l-1} \int_0^1 \prod_{j=0}^{l-2} |m_0(p^j \xi)|^2 \overline{\chi(s, p^{l-1}\xi)} d\xi$$

which by (4.3) becomes

$$I_l(s) = I_{l-1}(s).$$



Since

$$I_1(s) = p \int_0^1 |m_0(\xi)|^2 \overline{\chi(s, p\xi)} d\xi = \int_0^1 \overline{\chi(s, \xi)} d\xi = \delta_{0,s},$$

where  $\delta_{0,s}$  is the Kronecker delta, we get

$$I_l(s) = \delta_{0,s} \quad (l \in \mathbf{N}, s \in \mathbf{Z}_+). \quad (4.4)$$

In particular, for all  $l \in \mathbf{N}$

$$I_l(0) = \int_{\mathbf{R}_+} |\mu^{[l]}(\omega)|^2 d\omega = 1.$$

By (4.1) and Fatou's lemma we then obtain

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}_+} |\tilde{\varphi}(\omega)|^2 d\omega \leq 1.$$

Thus, from (4.1) and (4.2) by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem it follows that

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}_+} |\tilde{\varphi}(\omega)|^2 \overline{\chi(s, \omega)} d\omega = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} I_l(s).$$

Hence by (2.2) and (4.4),

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}_+} \varphi(x) \overline{\varphi(x \ominus s)} dx = \delta_{0,s}, \quad s \in \mathbf{Z}_+.$$

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Put  $X_{1-n} = \mathbf{1}_{[0,1/p^{n-1}]}$ . For any  $x \in \mathbf{R}_+$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}_+} X_{1-n}(\omega \ominus m/p^{n-1}) \chi(x, \omega) d\omega &= \chi(x, m/p^{n-1}) \int_0^{1/p^{n-1}} \chi(x, \omega) d\omega \\ &= (1/p^{n-1}) \mathbf{1}_{[0,1]}(x/p^{n-1}) \chi(x, m/p^{n-1}) = (1/p^{n-1}) \mathbf{1}_{[0,1]}(x/p^{n-1}) w_m(x/p^{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, taking the Walsh - Fourier transform of both sides of (1.7) gives

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = X_{1-n}(\omega) + \sum_{m \in \mathbf{N}(p,n)} A(m) X_{1-n}(\omega \ominus m/p^{n-1}). \quad (4.5)$$

If  $\zeta \in [0, 1/p^{n-1})$  and  $m \in \mathbf{N}(p, n)$ , then clearly

$$\zeta \oplus \frac{m}{p^{n-1}} = \zeta + \frac{m}{p^{n-1}}$$

since  $[p^{n+j}\zeta](\text{mod } p) = 0$  for all negative intergers  $j$ . Hence setting  $\zeta = \omega \ominus m/p^{n-1}$ , we see from (4.5) that

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \omega \in \Delta_0^{(n-1)}, \\ A(m), & \text{if } \omega \in \Delta_m^{(n-1)}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

where  $m \in \mathbf{N}(p, n)$ .

Now, let the polynomial

$$m_0(\omega) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{p^n-1} a_\alpha \overline{\chi(\alpha, \omega)}$$

satisfy the condition (1.8), that is,  $m_0(sp^{-n}) = d_s^{(n)}$  for  $0 \leq s \leq p^n - 1$ . Then, by the definition of  $\{A(m)\}$ , from (4.6) we have

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} m_0(p^{-j}\omega)$$

and so

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = m_0(p^{-1}\omega)\tilde{\varphi}(p^{-1}\omega)$$

which gives (1.2). By Lemma 1 and Remark 2 the system  $\{\varphi(\cdot \ominus k) \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}_+\}$  is orthonormal in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$ .

For integer  $m$  let  $\mathcal{E}_m(\mathbf{R}_+)$  denotes the collection of all functions  $f$  on  $\mathbf{R}_+$  which are constant on  $[sp^{-m}, (s+1)p^{-m})$  for each  $s \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ . Further, we set

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m(\mathbf{R}_+) := \{f : f \text{ is } W\text{-continuous and } \tilde{f} \in \mathcal{E}_m(\mathbf{R}_+)\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{R}_+) := \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_m(\mathbf{R}_+), \quad \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{R}_+) := \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m(\mathbf{R}_+).$$

The following properties are true (see [6, § 6.2 and § 10.5]):

1.  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  are dense in  $L^q(\mathbf{R}_+)$  for  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ .
2. If  $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}_+) \cap \mathcal{E}_m(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , then  $\text{supp } \tilde{f} \subset [0, p^m]$ .
3. If  $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}_+) \cap \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_m(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , then  $\text{supp } f \subset [0, p^m]$ .

For  $\varphi \in L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  we put

$$\varphi_{j,k}(x) = p^{j/2} \varphi(p^j x \ominus k) \quad (j \in \mathbf{Z}, k \in \mathbf{Z}_+)$$

and

$$V_j = \text{clos}_{L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)} \text{span} \{ \varphi_{j,k} \mid k \in \mathbf{Z}_+ \} \quad (j \in \mathbf{Z}). \quad (4.7)$$

Let  $P_j$  be the orthogonal projection of  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  to  $V_j$ . Also, we denote the norm in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  briefly by  $\| \cdot \|$ .

As an analogue of Proposition 5.3.1 in [1] (cf. Theorem 2.2 in [12]), we have:

**Lemma 2.** *If  $\{ \varphi_{0,k} \}$  is an orthogonal basis in  $V_0$ , then  $\bigcap V_j = \{0\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in \bigcap V_j$ . Given an  $\varepsilon > 0$  we choose  $u \in L^1(\mathbf{R}_+) \cap \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  such that  $\|f - u\| < \varepsilon$ . Then

$$\|f - P_j u\| \leq \|P_j(f - u)\| \leq \|f - u\| < \varepsilon$$

and so

$$\|f\| \leq \|P_j u\| + \varepsilon \quad (4.8)$$

for every  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

Now, choose  $R > 0$  so that  $\text{supp } u \subset [0, R]$ . Then

$$(P_j u, \varphi_{j,k}) = (u, \varphi_{j,k}) = p^{j/2} \int_0^R u(x) \overline{\varphi(p^j x \ominus k)} dx.$$

Hence, by the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality,

$$\|P_j u\|^2 = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} |(P_j u, \varphi_{j,k})|^2 \leq \|u\|^2 \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} p^j \int_0^R |\varphi(p^j x \ominus k)|^2 dx.$$

Therefore, if  $j$  is chosen small enough so that  $Rp^j < 1$ , then

$$\|P_j u\|^2 \leq \|u\|^2 \int_{S_{R,j}} |\varphi(x)|^2 dx = \|u\|^2 \int_{\mathbf{R}_+} \mathbf{1}_{S_{R,j}}(x) |\varphi(x)|^2 dx, \quad (4.9)$$

where  $S_{R,j} := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} \{y \ominus k \mid y \in [0, Rp^j]\}$ . It is easy to check that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow -\infty} \mathbf{1}_{S_{R,j}}(x) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \notin \mathbf{Z}_+.$$

Thus by the dominated convergence theorem from (4.9) we get

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow -\infty} \|P_j u\| = 0.$$

In view of (4.8), this implies that  $\|f\| \leq \varepsilon$ , and thus  $\bigcap V_j = \{0\}$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Let a function  $\varphi$  be defined by Walsh-Fourier transform (3.5) and the spaces  $V_j$  ( $j \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ ) are given by (4.7). As before, since  $\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = m_0(\omega/p)\tilde{\varphi}(\omega/p)$ , we have

$$\varphi(x) = p \sum_{\alpha=0}^{p^n-1} a_\alpha \varphi(px \ominus \alpha),$$

which implies that  $V_j \subset V_{j+1}$ . On account of Lemma 1, we see that conditions (i) and (iii)–(v) of multiresolution  $p$ -analysis are satisfied. By Lemma 2 we have  $\bigcap V_j = \{0\}$ . Therefore, it remains to confirm that

$$\overline{\bigcup V_j} = L^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\left(\bigcup V_j\right)^\perp = \{0\}. \quad (4.10)$$

Let  $f \in \left(\bigcup V_j\right)^\perp$ . Given an  $\varepsilon > 0$  we choose  $u \in L^1(\mathbf{R}_+) \cap \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  such that  $\|f - u\| < \varepsilon$ . Then for any  $j \in \mathbf{Z}_+$  we have

$$\|P_j f\|^2 = (P_j f, P_j f) = (f, P_j f) = 0$$

and so

$$\|P_j u\| = \|P_j(f - u)\| \leq \|f - u\| < \varepsilon. \quad (4.11)$$

Choose a positive integer  $j$  so large that  $\text{supp } \tilde{u} \subset [0, p^j)$  and  $p^{-j}\omega \in [0, p^{-n+1})$  for all  $\omega \in \text{supp } \tilde{u}$ . Then we put  $g(\omega) = \tilde{u}(\omega)\tilde{\varphi}(p^{-j}\omega)$ . As the system  $\{p^{-j/2}\chi(p^{-j}k, \cdot)\}_{k=0}^\infty$  is an orthonormal bases in  $L^2[0, p^j]$ , we have

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} |c_k(g)|^2 = p^{-j} \int_0^{p^j} |g(\omega)|^2 d\omega, \quad (4.12)$$

where

$$c_k(g) = p^{-j/2} \int_0^{p^j} g(\omega) \overline{\chi(p^{-j}k, \omega)} d\omega.$$

Observing that

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}_+} \varphi(p^j x \ominus k) \overline{\chi(x, \omega)} dx = p^{-j} \tilde{\varphi}(p^{-j}\omega) \overline{\chi(p^{-j}k, \omega)},$$

by the Plancherel relation we get

$$p^{-j/2}(u, \varphi_{j,k}) = p^{-j} \int_0^{p^j} g(\omega) \overline{\chi(p^{-j}k, \omega)} d\omega.$$

Thus, in view of (4.12),

$$\|P_j u\|^2 = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} |(u, \varphi_{j,k})|^2 = \int_0^{p^j} |\tilde{u}(\omega) \tilde{\varphi}(p^{-j}\omega)|^2 d\omega. \quad (4.13)$$

Since  $m_0(\omega) = 1$  on  $\Delta_0^{(n)}$  and since  $p^{-j}\omega \in [0, p^{-n+1})$  for  $\omega \in \text{supp } \tilde{u}$ , it follows from (3.5) that  $\tilde{\varphi}(p^{-j}\omega) = 1$  for all  $\omega \in \text{supp } \tilde{u}$ . Furthermore, because  $\text{supp } \tilde{u} \subset [0, p^j)$ , we obtain from (4.11) and (4.13)

$$\varepsilon > \|P_j u\| = \|\tilde{u}\| = \|u\|.$$

Consequently, we conclude

$$\|f\| < \varepsilon + \|u\| < 2\varepsilon,$$

which implies (4.10).

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