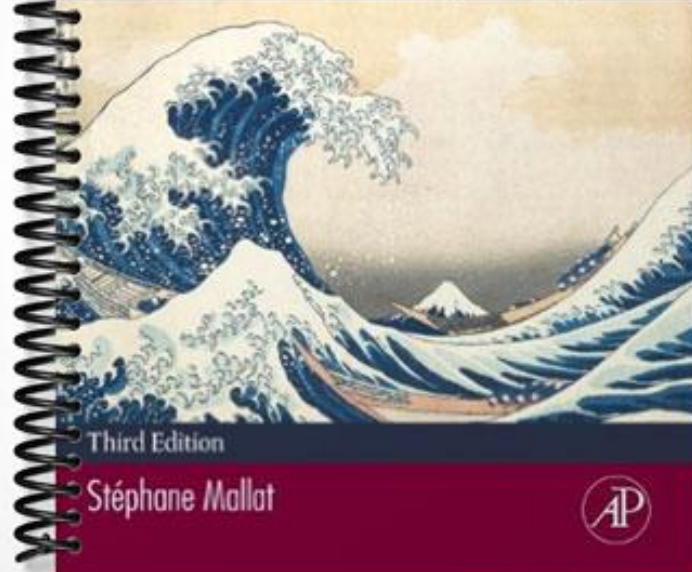


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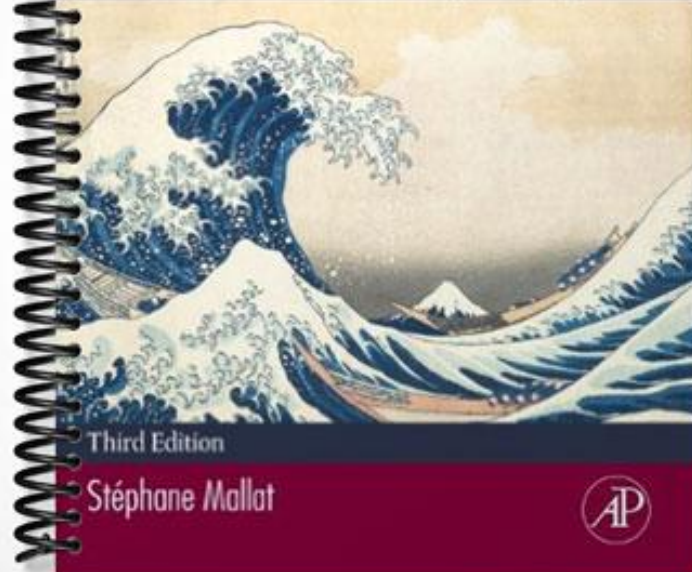
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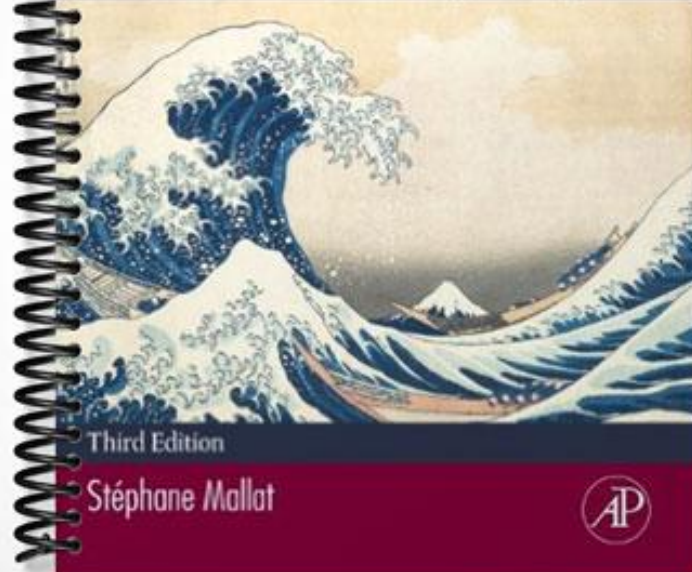
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# Correction of the exercises from the book *A Wavelet Tour of Signal Processing*

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## Abstract

These corrections refer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the book *A Wavelet Tour of Signal Processing – The Sparse Way* by Stéphane Mallat, published in December 2008 by Elsevier. If you find mistakes or imprecisions in these corrections, please send an email to Gabriel Peyré (gabriel.peyre@ceremade.dauphine.fr). More information about the book, including how to order it, numerical simulations, and much more, can be found online at [wavelet-tour.com](http://wavelet-tour.com).

## 1 Chapter 2

**Exercise 2.1.** For all  $t$ , the function  $\omega \mapsto e^{-i\omega t} f(t)$  is continuous. If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , then for all  $\omega$ ,  $|e^{-i\omega t} f(t)| \leq |f(t)|$  which is integrable. One can thus apply the theorem of continuity under the integral sign  $\int$  which proves that  $\hat{f}$  is continuous.

If  $\hat{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , using the inverse Fourier formula (2.8) and a similar argument, one proves that  $f$  is continuous.

**Exercise 2.2.** If  $\int |h| = +\infty$ , for all  $A > 0$  there exists  $B > 0$  such that  $\int_{-B}^B |h| > A$ . Taking  $f(x) = 1_{[-A, A]} \text{sign}(h(-x))$  which is integrable and bounded by 1 shows that

$$f \star h(0) = \int_{-B}^B \text{sign}(h(t))h(t)dt > A.$$

This shows that the operator  $f \mapsto f \star h$  is not bounded on  $L^\infty$ , and thus the filter  $h$  is unstable.

**Exercise 2.3.** Let  $f_u(t) = f(t - u)$ , by change of variable  $t - u \rightarrow t$ , one gets

$$\hat{f}_u(\omega) = \int f(t - u)e^{-i\omega t}dt = \int f(t)e^{-i\omega(t+u)}dt = e^{-i\omega u} \hat{f}(\omega).$$

Let  $f_s(t) = f(t/s)$ , with  $s > 0$ , by change of variable  $t/s \mapsto t$ , one get

$$\hat{f}_s(\omega) = \int f(t/s)e^{-i\omega t}dt = \int f(t)e^{-i\omega st}|s|dt = |s|\hat{f}(s\omega).$$

Let  $f$  be  $C^1$  and  $g = f'$ , then by integration by parts, since  $f(t) \rightarrow 0$  where  $|t| \rightarrow +\infty$ ,

$$\hat{g}(\omega) = \int f'(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt = - \int f(t)(-i\omega)e^{-i\omega t} dt = (i\omega)\hat{f}(\omega).$$

**Exercise 2.4.** One has

$$f_r(t) = \operatorname{Re}[f(t)] = [f(t) + f^*(t)]/2 \quad \text{and} \quad f_i(t) = \operatorname{Ima}[f(t)] = [f(t) - f^*(t)]/2$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_r(\omega) &= \int \frac{f(t) + f^*(t)}{2} e^{-i\omega t} dt = \hat{f}(\omega)/2 + \operatorname{Conj} \left( \int f(t)e^{i\omega t} dt \right) / 2 \\ &= [\hat{f}(\omega) + \hat{f}^*(-\omega)]/2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\operatorname{Conj}(a) = a^*$  is the complex conjugate. The same computation leads to

$$\hat{f}_i(\omega) = [\hat{f}(\omega) - \hat{f}^*(-\omega)]/2.$$

**Exercise 2.5.** One has

$$\hat{f}(0) = \int f(t) dt = 0.$$

If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , one can apply the theorem of derivation under the integral sign  $\int$  and get

$$\frac{d}{d\omega} \hat{f}(\omega) = \int -itf(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt \implies \hat{f}'(0) = -i \int tf(t) dt = 0.$$

**Exercise 2.6.** If  $f = 1_{[-\pi, \pi]}$  then one can verify that

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{2 \sin(\pi\omega)}{\omega}.$$

It results that

$$\int \frac{\sin(\pi\omega)}{\pi\omega} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \hat{f}(\omega) d\omega = f(0) = 1.$$

If  $g = 1_{[-1, 1]}$  then  $\hat{g}(\omega)/2 = \sin(\omega)/\omega$ . The inverse Fourier transform of  $\hat{g}(\omega)^3$  is  $g \star g \star g(t)$  so

$$\int \frac{\sin^3(\omega)}{\omega^3} d\omega = \frac{1}{8} \int \hat{g}(\omega)^3 d\omega = \frac{2\pi}{8} g \star g \star g(0) = \frac{3\pi}{4},$$

where we used the fact that

$$g \star g \star g(0) = \int_{-1}^1 h(t) dt = 3$$

where  $h$  is a piecewise linear hat function with  $h(0) = 2$ .

**Exercise 2.7.** Writing  $u = a - ib$ , and differentiating under the integral sign  $\int$ , one has

$$f'(\omega) = \int -ite^{-ut^2} e^{-i\omega t} dt.$$

By integration by parts, one gets an ordinary differential equation

$$f'(\omega) = \frac{-\omega}{2u} \hat{f}(\omega)$$

whose solution is

$$f(\omega) = Ke^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4u}}$$

for some constant  $K = \hat{f}(0)$ . Using a switch from Euclidean coordinates to polar coordinates  $(x, y) \rightarrow (r, \theta)$  which satisfies  $dx dy = r dr d\theta$ , one gets

$$\begin{aligned} K^2 &= \int e^{-ux^2} dx \int e^{-uy^2} dy = \iint e^{-u(x^2+y^2)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-ur^2} r dr d\theta = 2\pi \int_0^{+\infty} r e^{-ur^2} dr = \frac{\pi}{u}, \end{aligned}$$

which gives the result.

**Exercise 2.8.** If  $f$  is  $\mathbf{C}^1$  with a compact support, with an integration by parts we get

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{1}{i\omega} \int f'(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

so that

$$|\hat{f}(\omega)| \leq \frac{C}{\omega} \quad \text{with} \quad C = \int |f'(t)| dt < +\infty,$$

which proves that  $f(\omega) \rightarrow 0$  when  $|\omega| \rightarrow +\infty$ .

Let  $f \in \mathbf{L}^1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $\mathbf{C}^1$  functions are dense in  $\mathbf{L}^1(\mathbb{R})$ , one can find  $g$  such that  $\int |f - g| \leq \varepsilon/2$ . Since  $\hat{g}(\omega) \rightarrow 0$  when  $|\omega| \rightarrow +\infty$ , there exists  $A$  such that  $|\hat{g}(\omega)| \leq \varepsilon/2$  when  $|\omega| > A$ . Moreover, the Fourier integral definition implies that

$$|\hat{f}(\omega) - \hat{g}(\omega)| \leq \int |f(t) - g(t)| dt$$

so for all  $|\omega| > A$  we have  $|\hat{f}(\omega)| \leq \varepsilon$  which proves that  $f(\omega) \rightarrow 0$  when  $|\omega| \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Exercise 2.9. a)** For  $f_0(t) = 1_{[0, +\infty)}(t) e^{pt}$ , we get

$$\hat{f}_0(\omega) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{(p-i\omega)t} dt = \frac{1}{i\omega - p}.$$

For  $f_n(t) = t^n 1_{[0, +\infty)}(t) e^{pt}$ , an integration by parts gives

$$\hat{f}_n(\omega) = \int_0^{+\infty} t^n e^{(p-i\omega)t} dt = \frac{n}{i\omega - p} \hat{f}_{n-1}(\omega),$$

so that

$$\hat{f}_n(\omega) = \frac{n!}{(i\omega - p)^n}.$$

**b)** Computing the Fourier transform on both sides of the differential equation gives

$$g = f \star h \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{h}(\omega) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^K a_k (i\omega)^k}{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k (i\omega)^k}.$$

We denote by  $\{p_k\}_{k=0}^L$  the poles of the polynomial  $\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^k$ , with multiplicity  $n_k$ . If  $K < M$ , one can decompose the rational fraction into

$$\hat{h}(\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^L \frac{Q_k(i\omega)}{(i\omega - p_k)^{n_k}}$$

where each  $Q_k$  is a polynomial of degree strictly smaller than  $n_k$ . It results that  $h(t)$  is a sum of derivatives up to a degree strictly smaller than  $n_k$  of the inverse Fourier transform of

$$\hat{f}_{p_k, n_k}(\omega) = \frac{1}{(i\omega - p_k)^{n_k}}$$

which is

$$f_{p_k, n_k}(t) = \frac{1}{n_k!} t^{n_k} 1_{[0, +\infty)}(t) e^{p_k t}.$$

Each filter  $f_{p_k, n_k}$  is causal, stable and  $n_k$  times differentiable. It results that that  $h$  is causal and stable.

If, there exists  $l$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(p_l) = 0$  then for the frequency  $\omega = -ip_l$  we have  $|\hat{h}(\omega)| = +\infty$  so  $h$  can not be stable.

If, there exists  $l$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(p_l) > 0$  then by observing that  $\hat{f}_{p_l, n_l}(-\omega) = (-1)^{n_l} (i\omega + p_l)^{-n_l}$  and by applying the result in a) we get

$$f_{p_l, n_l}(t) = \frac{1}{n_l!} t^{n_l} 1_{(-\infty, 0]}(t) e^{-p_l t}$$

which is anticausal. We thus derive that  $h$  is not causal.

c) Denoting  $\alpha = e^{i\pi/3}$ , one can write

$$|\hat{h}(\omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{1 - (i\omega/\omega_0)^6}$$

with

$$1/\hat{h}(\omega) = (i\omega/\omega_0 + 1)(i\omega/\omega_0 + \alpha)(i\omega/\omega_0 + \alpha^*) = P(i\omega).$$

Since the zeros of  $P(z)$  have all a strictly negative real part,  $h$  is stable and causal. To compute  $h(t)$  we decompose

$$\hat{h}(\omega) = \frac{a_1}{i\omega/\omega_0 + 1} + \frac{a_2}{i\omega/\omega_0 + \alpha} + \frac{a_3}{i\omega/\omega_0 + \alpha^*},$$

we compute  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  and  $a_3$  and by applying the result in (a) we derive that

$$\hat{h}(t) = \omega_0 (a_1 1_{[0, +\infty)}(t) e^{-t\omega_0} + a_2 1_{[0, +\infty)}(t) e^{-t\alpha\omega_0} + a_3 1_{[0, +\infty)}(t) e^{-t\alpha^*\omega_0}).$$

**Exercise 2.10.** For  $a > 0$  and  $u > 0$  and  $g$  a Gaussian function, define

$$f_{a,u}(t) = e^{iat} g(t - u) + e^{-iat} g(t + u).$$

We verify that  $\sigma_\omega(f_{a,u})$  increases proportionally to  $u$ . Its Fourier transform is

$$\hat{f}_{a,u}(\omega) = e^{-iu\omega} \hat{g}(\omega - a) + e^{iu\omega} \hat{g}(\omega + a)$$

so  $\sigma_\omega(f_{a,u})$  increases proportionally to  $a$ . For  $a$  and  $u$  sufficiently large we get the the result.

**Exercise 2.11.** Since  $f(t) \geq 0$

$$|\hat{f}(\omega)| = \left| \int f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \right| \leq \int f(t) dt = \hat{f}(0).$$

**Exercise 2.12. a)** Denoting  $u(t) = |\sin(t)|$ , one has  $g(t) = a(t)u(\omega_0 t)$  so that

$$\hat{g}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \hat{a}(\omega) \star \hat{u}(\omega/\omega_0)$$

where  $\hat{u}(\omega)$  is a distribution

$$\hat{u}(\omega) = \sum_n c_n \delta(\omega - n)$$

and  $c_n$  is the Fourier coefficient

$$c_n = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin(t)| e^{-int} dt = - \int_{-\pi}^0 \sin(t) e^{-int} dt + \int_0^{\pi} \sin(t) e^{-int} dt.$$

The change of variable  $t \rightarrow t + \pi$  in the first integral shows that  $c_{2k+1} = 0$  and for  $n = 2k$ ,

$$c_{2k} = 2 \int_0^{\pi} \sin(t) e^{-i2kt} dt = \frac{4}{1 - 4k^2}.$$

One thus has

$$\hat{u}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_n c_n \hat{a}(\omega - n\omega_0) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_k \frac{\hat{a}(\omega - 2k\omega_0)}{1 - 4k^2}.$$

**b)** If  $\hat{a}(\omega) = 0$  for  $|\omega| > \omega_0$ , then  $h$  defined by  $\hat{h}(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{2} 1_{[-\omega_0, \omega_0]}$  guarantees that  $\hat{g}\hat{h} = \hat{a}$  and hence  $a = g \star h$ .

**Exercise 2.13.** One has

$$\hat{g}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n \hat{f}_n(\omega) \star [\delta(\omega - 2n\omega_0) + \delta(\omega + 2n\omega_0)] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n [\hat{f}_n(\omega - 2n\omega_0) + \hat{f}_n(\omega + 2n\omega_0)].$$

Each  $\hat{f}_n(\omega \pm 2n\omega_0)$  is supported in  $[(-1 \pm 2n)\omega_0, (1 \pm 2n)\omega_0]$ , and thus  $\hat{g}$  is supported in  $[-2N\omega_0, 2N\omega_0]$ .

Since the intervals  $[(-1 \pm 2n)\omega_0, (1 \pm 2n)\omega_0]$  are disjoint, one has

$$\hat{f}_n(\omega \pm 2n\omega_0) = 2\hat{g}(\omega) 1_{[(-1 \pm 2n)\omega_0, (1 \pm 2n)\omega_0]}(\omega).$$

The change of variable  $\omega \pm 2n\omega_0 \rightarrow \omega$  and summing for  $n$  and  $-n$  gives

$$\hat{f}_n(\omega) = [\hat{g}(\omega - 2n\omega_0) + \hat{g}(\omega + 2n\omega_0)] \hat{h}(\omega),$$

where  $\hat{h}(\omega) = 1_{[-\omega_0, \omega_0]}(\omega)$ . Denoting  $g_n(t) = 2g(t) \cos(2n\omega_0 t)$ , one sees that  $f_n$  is recovered as

$$f_n = g_n \star h.$$

**Exercise 2.14.** The function  $\phi(t) = \sin(\pi t)/(\pi t)$  is monotone on  $[-3/2, 0]$  and  $[0, 3/2]$  on which its variation is  $1 + \frac{2}{3\pi}$ . For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , it is also monotone on each interval  $[k + 1/2, k + 3/2]$  on which the variation is  $\frac{1}{\pi} [(k + 1/2)^{-1} + (k + 3/2)^{-1}]$ . One thus has

$$\|\phi\|_V = 2\left(1 + \frac{2}{3\pi}\right) + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k \geq 1} [(k + 1/2)^{-1} + (k + 3/2)^{-1}] = +\infty.$$

For  $\phi = \lambda 1_{[a, b]}$ ,  $|\phi'| = \lambda \delta_a + \lambda \delta_b$  and hence  $\|\phi\|_V = 2\lambda$ .

**Exercise 2.16.** Let

$$f(x) = 1_{[0, 1]^2}(x_1, x_2) = f_0(x_1) f_0(x_2) \quad \text{where} \quad f_0(x_1) = 1_{[0, 1]}(x_1).$$



One has

$$\hat{f}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \hat{f}_0(\omega_1)\hat{f}_0(\omega_2) = \frac{(e^{i\omega_1} - 1)(e^{i\omega_2} - 1)}{\omega_1\omega_2}.$$

Let

$$f(x) = e^{-x_1^2 - x_2^2} = f_0(x_1)f_0(x_2) \quad \text{where} \quad f_0(x_1) = e^{-x_1^2}.$$

One has

$$\hat{f}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \hat{f}_0(\omega_1)\hat{f}_0(\omega_2) = \pi e^{-(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2)/4}.$$

**Exercise 2.17.** If  $|t| > 1$ , the ray  $\Delta_{t,\theta}$  does not intersect the unit disc, and thus  $p_\theta(t) = 0$ . For  $|t| < 1$ , the Radon transform is computed as the length of a cross section of a disc

$$p_\theta(t) = 2\sqrt{1 - t^2}.$$

**Exercise 2.18.** We prove that the Gibbs oscillation amplitude is independent of the angle  $\theta$  and is equal to a one-dimensional Gibbs oscillation. Let us decompose  $f(x)$  into a continuous part  $f_0(x)$  and a discontinuity of constant amplitude  $A$ :

$$f(x) = f_0(x) + A u(\cos(\theta)x_1 + \sin(\theta)x_2)$$

where  $u(t) = 1_{[0,+\infty)}(t)$  is the one-dimensional Heaviside function. The filter satisfies  $h_\xi(x_1, x_2) = g_\xi(x_1)g_\xi(x_2)$  with  $g_\xi(t) = \sin(\xi t)/(\pi t)$ . The Gibbs phenomena is produced by the discontinuity corresponding to the Heaviside function so we can consider that  $f_0 = 0$ . Let us suppose that  $|\theta| \leq \pi/4$ , with no loss of generality. We first prove that

$$f \star h_\xi(x) = f \star g_\xi(x) \tag{1}$$

where  $\hat{g}_\xi(\omega_1, \omega_2) = 1_{[-\xi, \xi]}(\omega_2)$ . Indeed  $f(x)$  is constant along any line of angle  $\theta$ , one can thus verify that its Fourier transform has a support located on the line in the Fourier plane, of angle  $\theta + \pi/2$  which goes through 0. It results that  $\hat{f}(\omega)\hat{h}_\xi(\omega) = \hat{f}(\omega)\hat{g}_\xi(\omega)$  because the filtering limits the support of  $\hat{f}$  to  $|\omega_2| \leq \xi$ . But  $g_\xi(x_1, x_2) = \delta(x_1) \sin(\xi x_2)/(\pi x_2)$ . The convolution (1) is thus a one-dimensional convolution along the  $x_2$  variable, which is computed in the Gibbs Theorem 2.8. The resulting one-dimensional Gibbs oscillations are of the order of  $A \times 0.045$ .