

# Computation of Constants in the Strengthened Cauchy Inequality for Box Spline-Wavelets

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## Abstract

In this paper we give explicit estimates of the constants  $\gamma$  in the strengthened Cauchy–Schwarz inequality for box spline–wavelets. The results are obtained by a combination of functional analysis methods and numerical computations.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. The usual Cauchy–Schwarz inequality is refined by the strengthened one in the sense that it states the existence of a constant  $\gamma \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$|(v, w)| \leq \gamma \|v\| \|w\| \tag{1.1}$$

for  $v \in V$ ,  $w \in W$ , where  $V, W$  are linear subspaces of  $H$  with  $V \cap W = \{0\}$  and  $\gamma$  depends only on  $V$  and  $W$ , and not on the choice of the functions  $v$  and  $w$ . The smallest such quantity  $\gamma$  may be called the cosine of the angle between the spaces  $V$  and  $W$ . When  $H$  is finite dimensional, then obviously  $\gamma < 1$ , whereas for an infinite dimensional  $H$  the validity of (1.1) with  $\gamma \in [0, 1)$  depends on  $V$  and  $W$ ; in both cases a non–trivial problem consists in giving precise estimates for  $\gamma$ .

In view of some applications to Numerical Analysis (see the references in [3]) it is interesting to take as  $H$  a function space and consider wavelet subspaces  $V, W$ . In this connection since now, as far as we know, the only existing result is a strengthened Cauchy–Schwarz inequality for general biorthogonal wavelets defined on the real line and on an interval (that is for the one–dimensional case) [3]; see also [4] for a particular family of spline–wavelets in the bidimensional case.

In the present paper we set  $H = L^2(\mathbf{R})$  and we give explicit estimates for the constants  $\gamma$  in the case of box spline–wavelets, which represent the simplest non–orthonormal examples; see [1,2]. For benefit of non–expert readers we recall the definition and set what  $V$  and  $W$  will be in our case. Consider first

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\psi^3(x) = -\frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x+2) - \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x+1) + \varphi(2x) - \varphi(2x-1) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x-2) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x-3),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^5(x) &= \frac{3}{128}\varphi(2x+4) + \frac{3}{128}\varphi(2x+3) - \frac{11}{64}\varphi(2x+2) \\ &- \frac{11}{64}\varphi(2x+1) + \varphi(2x) - \varphi(2x-1) + \frac{11}{64}\varphi(2x-2) \\ &+ \frac{11}{64}\varphi(2x-3) - \frac{3}{128}\varphi(2x-4) - \frac{3}{128}\varphi(2x-5), \end{aligned}$$

and let for  $j \in \mathbf{R}$

$$V_j = \text{span}_H\{\varphi_{jk}, k \in \mathbf{Z}\}$$

$$W_j^3 = \text{span}_H\{\psi_{jk}^3, k \in \mathbf{Z}\},$$

$$W_j^5 = \text{span}_H\{\psi_{jk}^5, k \in \mathbf{Z}\}$$

where

$$\varphi_{jk} = 2^{\frac{j}{2}}\varphi(2^jx - k)$$

$$\psi_{jk}^{3,5} = 2^{\frac{j}{2}}\psi^{3,5}(2^jx - k)$$

(for the details of the construction see [1,2]).

We shall give estimates for  $\gamma$  in the two cases:  $V = V_j$ ,  $W = W_j^3$  and  $V = V_j$ ,  $W = W_j^5$ . Namely, we shall prove

**Theorem 1.1.** *Define*

$$\gamma_{3,5} = \sup \frac{|(v, w)|}{\|v\|\|w\|}$$

$v$  running in  $V_j$ ,  $w$  in  $W_j^{3,5}$ . Then

$$\gamma_3 \leq 0.2424242425,$$

corresponding to  $\gamma_3 \leq \frac{8}{33}$ , and

$$\gamma_5 \leq 0.3624657741.$$

The proof of the theorem will be a combination of functional analysis and numerical computations, performed with Maple.

## 2. Abstract estimates of Cauchy constants

We give here the following preliminary result, valid in any Hilbert space  $H$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $V$  and  $W$  be closed linear subspaces of  $H$ . Let  $\{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{Z}}$  be an orthogonal basis for  $V$ . Assume further that  $\{\psi_k\}_{k \in \mathbf{Z}}$  is a basis for  $W$ ,*

quasi-orthogonal in the following sense:  $(\psi_j, \psi_k) = 0$  if  $|k-j| > N$  for a suitable integer  $N$ , and define

$$\frac{(\psi_j, \psi_k)}{\|\psi_j\| \|\psi_k\|} = \delta_{jk}, \text{ for } 0 < |k-j| \leq N. \quad (2.1)$$

Assume

$$\delta_{j,j-1} = \delta_{j,j+1} = \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{j,j-N} = \delta_{j,j+N} = \delta_N \quad (2.2)$$

are independent on  $j$ . Suppose now  $(\varphi_j, \psi_k) = 0$  for  $j < k - N'$  or  $j > k + N''$ , for some  $N', N''$  with  $N' + N'' = N$ ; define then

$$\gamma_{jk} = \frac{(\varphi_j, \psi_k)}{\|\varphi_j\| \|\psi_k\|} \text{ for } k - N' \leq j \leq k + N'' \quad (2.3)$$

and set

$$\gamma_{k-N',k} = \gamma_{-N'}, \dots, \gamma_{k+N'',k} = \gamma_{N''} \quad (2.4)$$

independent on  $k$ . Then

$$|(v, w)| \leq \gamma \|v\| \|w\|$$

with

$$\gamma \leq \left( \sum_{-N' \leq h \leq N''} \gamma_h \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2 \left( \sum_{0 < h \leq N} \delta_h \right)}}. \quad (2.5)$$

**Proof.** Take  $v = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} v_j$ , with  $v_j = c_j \varphi_j$ ,  $w = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} w_k$ , with  $w_k = c'_k \psi_k$ . We have from (2.3)

$$\begin{aligned} |(v, w)| &= \left| \left( \sum_j v_j, \sum_k w_k \right) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_k \left( \sum_j |(v_j, w_k)| \right) \\ &\leq \sum_k \left( \sum_{k-N' \leq j \leq k+N''} \gamma_{jk} \|v_j\| \|w_k\| \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then from (2.4) it follows

$$\begin{aligned} |(v, w)| &\leq \sum_{-N' \leq h \leq N''} \left( \gamma_h \sum_k \|w_k\| \|v_{k+h}\| \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{-N' \leq h \leq N''} \left( \gamma_h \sqrt{\sum_k \|w_k\|^2} \sqrt{\sum_k \|v_{k+h}\|^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using the orthogonality of  $\varphi_j$ ,  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ , we obtain

$$|(v, w)| \leq \sum_{-N' \leq h \leq N''} \gamma_h \|v\| \sqrt{\sum_k \|w_k\|^2}. \quad (2.6)$$

We shall prove now that

$$\sum_k \|w_k\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{1 - 2 \left( \sum_{0 < h \leq N} \delta_h \right)} \|w\|^2, \quad (2.7)$$

which combined with (2.6) proves (2.5). To this end we begin to write

$$\begin{aligned} \|w\|^2 &= (w, w) = \left( \sum_j w_j, \sum_k w_k \right) \\ &= \sum_k (w_k, w_k) + \sum_{j, k, j \neq k} (w_j, w_k) \end{aligned}$$

so we have

$$\|w\|^2 = \sum_k \|w_k\|^2 + \sum_{j, k, 0 < |k-j| \leq N} (w_j, w_k). \quad (2.8)$$

On the other hand from (2.1) and (2.2) we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k, j, 0 < |k-j| \leq N} (w_j, w_k) \right| &\leq \sum_{k, j, 0 < |k-j| \leq N} \delta_{jk} \|w_j\| \|w_k\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k, j, 0 < |k-j| \leq N} \delta_{|k-j|} \|w_j\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k, j, 0 < |k-j| \leq N} \delta_{|k-j|} \|w_k\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{0 < |h| \leq N} \delta_{|h|} \left( \sum_k \|w_{k-h}\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$\left| \sum_{k, j, 0 < |k-j| \leq N} (w_j, w_k) \right| \leq 2 \left( \sum_{0 < h < N} \delta_h \right) \left( \sum_k \|w_k\|^2 \right). \quad (2.9)$$

Combining (2.8) and (2.9) we obtain

$$\sum_k \|w_k\|^2 - 2 \left( \sum_{0 < h \leq N} \delta_h \right) \left( \sum_k \|w_k\|^2 \right) = \left( 1 - 2 \left( \sum_{0 < h \leq N} \delta_h \right) \right) \left( \sum_k \|w_k\|^2 \right) \leq \|w\|^2.$$

Hence (2.7) follows; this concludes the proof of theorem 2.1.  $\triangle$

### 3. Proof of the theorem 1.1.

We first observe that it is sufficient to argue on the case  $V = V_0$ ,  $W = W_0^{3,5}$ , as it follows easily by the change of variable  $y = 2^j x$ . We then apply theorem 2.1 taking

$$\varphi_k = \varphi(x - k), \quad \psi_k = \psi^{3,5}(x - k).$$

The assumptions of theorem 2.1 are satisfied with  $N = 2$  or  $4$ . In (2.1) and (2.2) we have now

case  $W = W^3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1^3 &= 0 \\ \delta_2^3 &= 0.01515151515, \end{aligned}$$

case  $W = W^5$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1^5 &= 0.007599309154 \\ \delta_2^5 &= 0.02786413356 \\ \delta_3^5 &= 0.007599309154 \\ \delta_4^5 &= 0.0005181347150. \end{aligned}$$

In (2.3) and (2.4) we have

case  $W = W^3$ :  $N'_3 = N''_3 = 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{-1}^3 &= 0.1230914910 \\ \gamma_0^3 &= 0 \\ \gamma_1^3 &= 0.1230914910, \end{aligned}$$

case  $W = W^5$ :  $N'_5 = N''_5 = 2$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{-2}^5 &= 0.02276257268 \\ \gamma_{-1}^5 &= 0.1669255330 \\ \gamma_0^5 &= 0 \\ \gamma_1^5 &= 0.1669255330 \\ \gamma_2^5 &= 0.02276257268. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting in (2.5) we obtain the conclusion.

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