

Advanced Digital Signal Processing – Wavelets and Multirate
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The Wave Packet Transform

A warm welcome to the thirty first lecture, on the subject of wavelets and multirate digital signal processing, over the past few lectures we have been looking at variance of the wavelet transform or of time frequency analysis. In, fact we have looked so far at the short time Fourier transform, the continuous wavelet transform, discretization of the continuous wavelet transform in scale and there in translation.

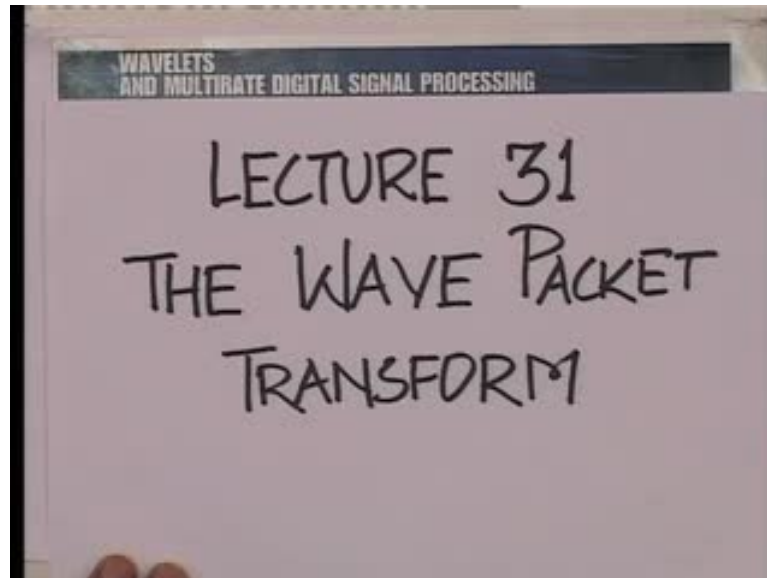
Then we have considered the specific case of dyadic discretization, and uniform discretization of translation, I mean dyadic discretization of scale and a corresponding uniform discretization of the translation parameter, following that we have brought in the possibility of biorthogonal multi resolution analysis, and we took inspiration for biorthogonal MRA or biorthogonal multi resolution analysis by considering the need to construct splines, piecewise polynomial functions. So, essentially we looked at the possibility of piecewise polynomial interpolation, and when we went from piecewise constant which gave us the haar multi resolution analysis to piecewise linear.

We noted that we had two options, either we use the same analysis and synthesis filters, essentially the same analysis and synthesis scaling functions and wavelets or we make the synthesis side different from the analysis side, and over the past 2 lectures we realize that if we insisted on constructing an orthogonal multi resolution analysis with piecewise linear scaling functions and wavelets, we had a very difficult task before us. Of course it is achievable, we can get an orthogonal multi resolution analysis from piecewise linear functions, but it is extremely cumbersome to construct those scaling functions and wavelets, moreover they are of infinite length, we lose compact support.

Now, if we wish to stick to compactly supported scaling functions and wavelets or rather we wish to stick correspondingly to finite impulse response filters on the analysis and synthesis side, then we need to bring in a variant of the multi resolution analysis called biorthogonal multi resolution analysis, we have so far introduced the biorthogonal multi

resolution analysis only from the perspective of the filter bank, and for the moment we intent to remain there, later we shall look at its implication in continuous time or in iteration.

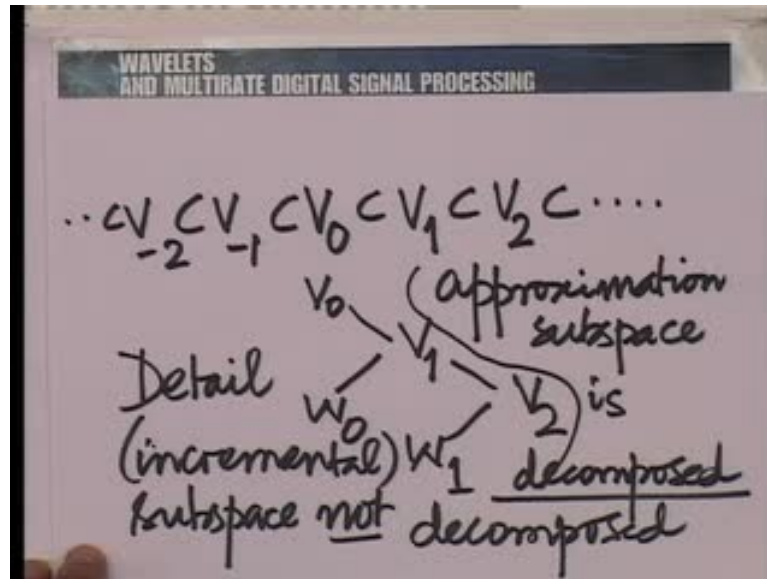
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At this moment we wish look at one more variant of the multi resolution analysis and this time it is a variant on the iteration of the filter bank, this is called the wave packet transform, and therefore today's lecture is appropriately titled the wave packet transform.

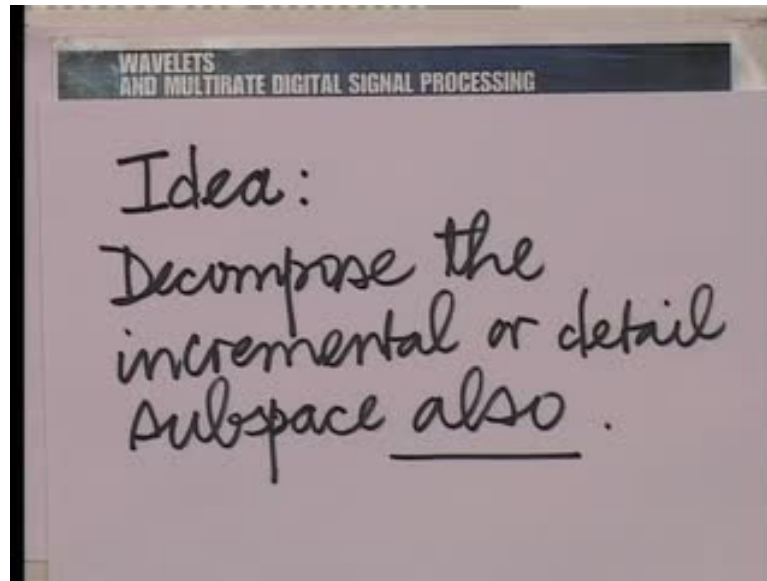
Now, the idea behind the wave packet transform is very simple, so far when constructing the dyadic discrete wavelet transform, when constructing a dyadic multi resolution analysis, we have always insisted on decomposing the so called approximation sub space, and let me put graphically before you this notion from the point of few of the ladder of sub spaces about which we have been speaking very often.

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So, we will recall that we have always been talking of this ladder of sub spaces, V_0 contained in V_1 contained in V_2 and so on so forth add infinite term upwards, and V_{-1} contained in V_0 , V_{-2} and V_{-1} and so on downwards, and at every time we have peeled off an incremental sub space, so for example we have always chosen to decompose the approximation sub space into V_0 and W_0 , for example when we talk about V_1 . Now, similarly when we talk about V_2 , we have V_2 being decomposed into V_1 and W_1 and so on so forth. So, it is always the approximation sub space that is decomposed, the detail sub space or what you call the incremental sub space not decomposed.

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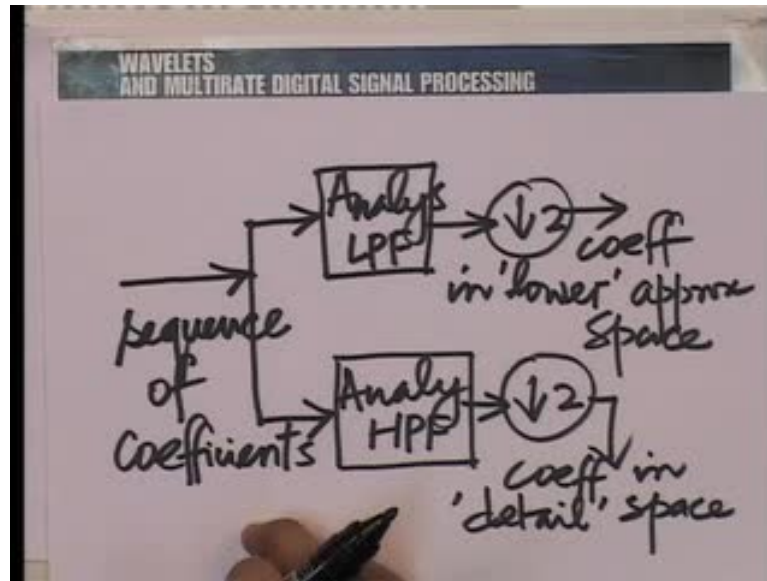


In the wave packet transform or objective is to get around this limitation, so what we intent to do, is to decompose the incremental sub space as we do the approximation sub space, so for example when we decompose V_1 into V_0 and W_0 , we also intent to decompose W_0 in the next step or if you go one step higher.

Let me show you the drawing here, when we decompose V_2 into V_1 and W_1 , and we further decompose V_1 into V_0 and W_0 , we also wish to consider the possibility of decomposing W_1 into 2 sub spaces in an appropriate manner. So, let us write down in one sentence, the idea behind the wavelet or wave packet transform, decompose the incremental or detail sub space also.

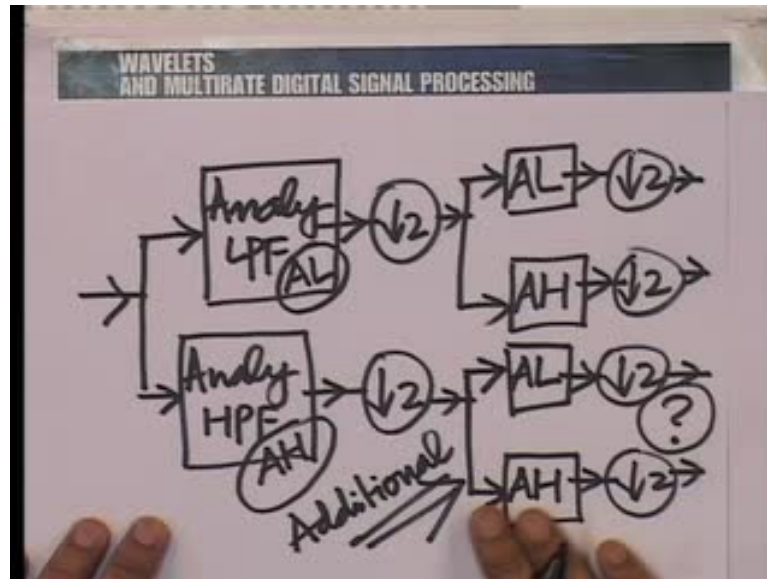
Now, towards this objective, the simplest approach would be to look at the filter bank structure, so in fact this time instead of starting from the basis or the continuous time functions, let us begin instead from the filter bank. So, let us assume that you have this sequence representing the function in an approximation sub space. For simplicity let us take the sub space V_2 , so let us assume that you have the sequence of coefficients in the expansion of a given function of l_2 r, in terms of the basis of V_2 . Now, remember that the filter bank essentially operates on these coefficients, and creates the coefficients of expansion in V_1 and W_1 , using the low pass and the high pass analysis filters.

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So, in other words the filter bank is iterated on the low pass branch. Suppose, we also choose to iterate the filter bank on the high pass branch, essentially that is what is going to give us the so called wave packet transform. So, let us first investigate starting from the ideal, let us look at the ideal frequency domain behavior that we are talking about here. So, what I am saying is this, in the discrete wavelet transform, we take the sequence of coefficients as the input to the filter bank, we subjected to the analysis low pass filter and analysis high pass filter, and down sample by 2, what we get here is the coefficients in the lower approximation space, and what we get here is the coefficients in the detail space or incremental space.

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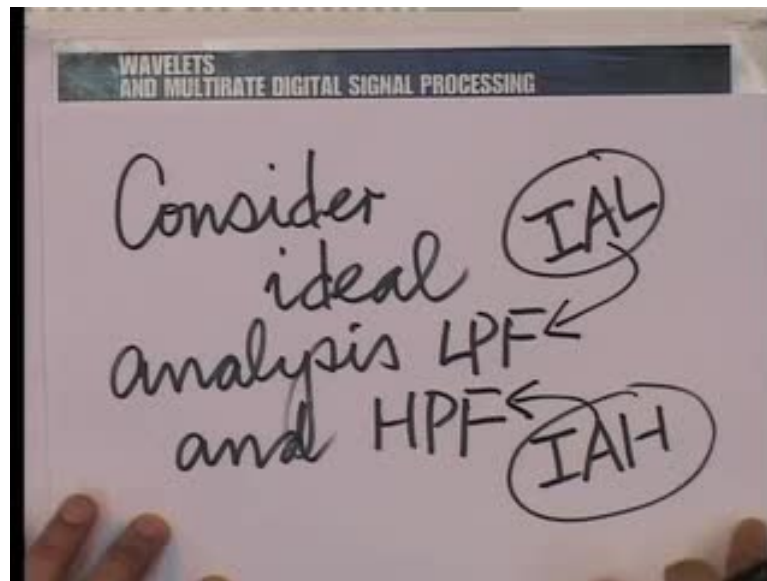


Now, the next time we take this entire structure and put it here, so we have a structure like this, let me call this analysis low pass filter as AL, and let me call this AH the analysis high pass filter, what I am saying is we put AL here and AH there, and this is what gives us the discrete wavelet transform, so this part constitutes a discrete wavelet transform, of course with this down sampled and left where it is.

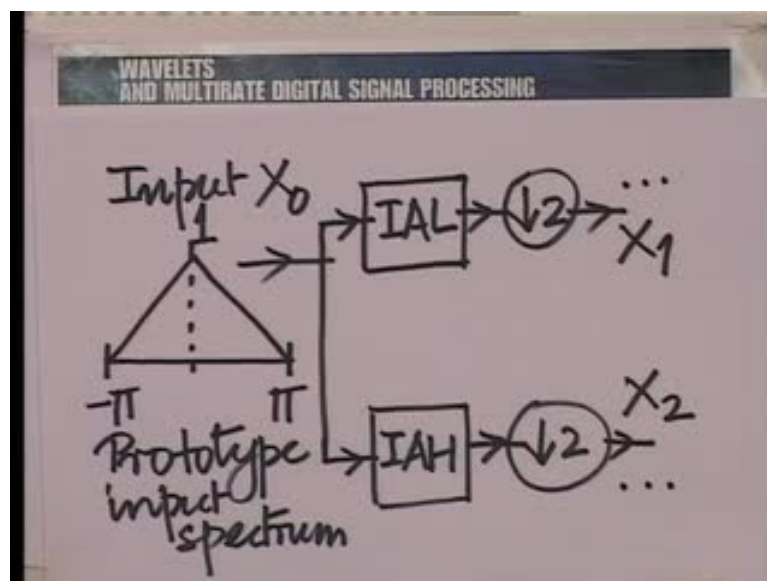
So, if you look at 2 steps in the discrete wavelet transform, these are the incremental coefficients at the first level of decomposition, these are the incremental coefficients at the second level of decomposition, these were the initial approximation coefficients, here you would get a approximation coefficients at the first level of decomposition, and here you get approximation coefficients at the second level of the decomposition.

What we are suggesting is, do the same thing here, and what do you get here, this is what we are trying to ask, so this is additional, and this is what we are trying to investigate, what would happen when you do this. So, let us consider these to be the ideal filters that we try and use in the filter bank.

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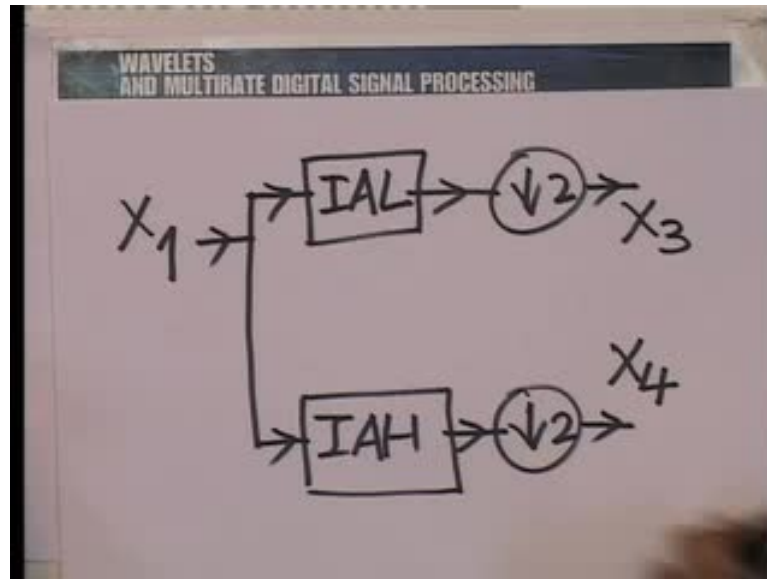


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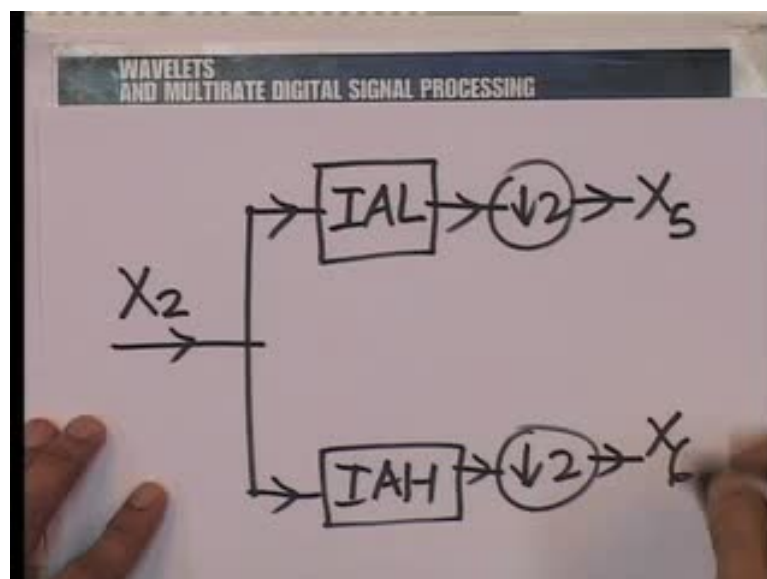
So, suppose we have all ideal filters, Consider ideal analysis low pass filters and high pass filters, so we will call them IAL; ideal analysis low pass and IAH; ideal analysis high pass, and let us draw the filter bank that we are going to investigate. Let us take a prototype spectrum is an example of a spectrum where we can clearly see what happens at every point in the decomposition, so this is the prototype input spectrum, we subject this, this is the input here, we apply this to IAL and IAH, we down sample these, and let us give names everywhere.

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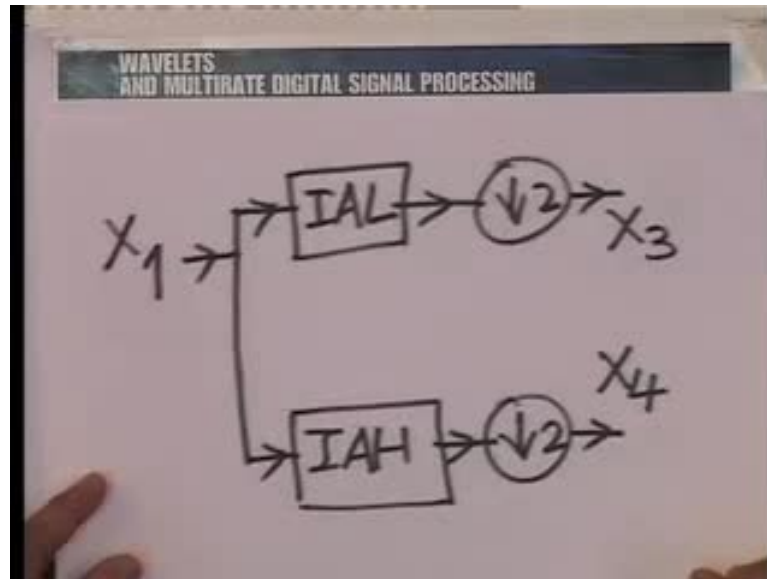


So, this input we shall call the point X_0 we will use capital letters, because we are going to work in the spectral domain all the while, we call the spectra X_1 and X_2 at these points, and we continue from here in naming the spectra. So, we have X_1 is further subjected to I_{AL} and I_{AH} with a down sampling by 2, here again and we get X_3 here and X_4 , and the same thing is done to X_2 .

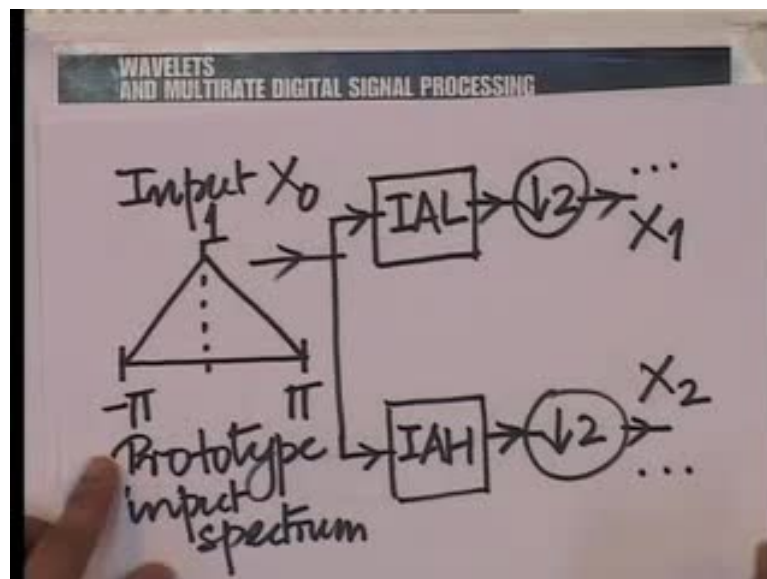
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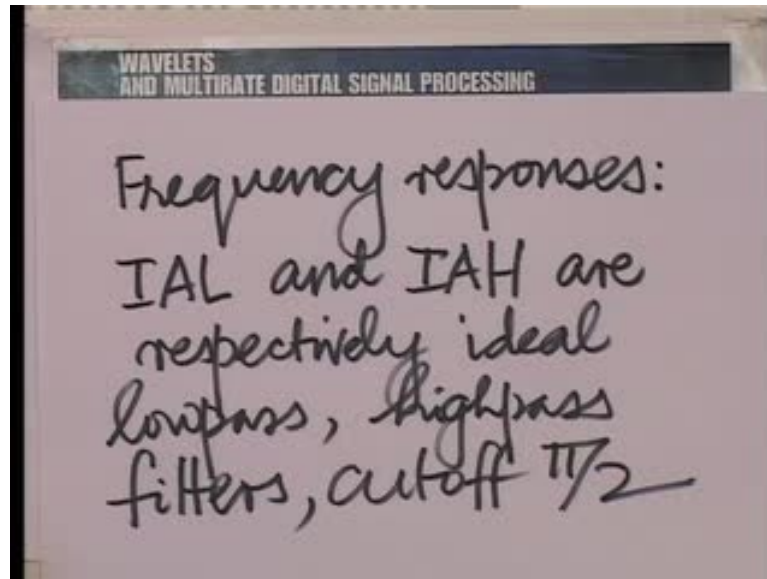


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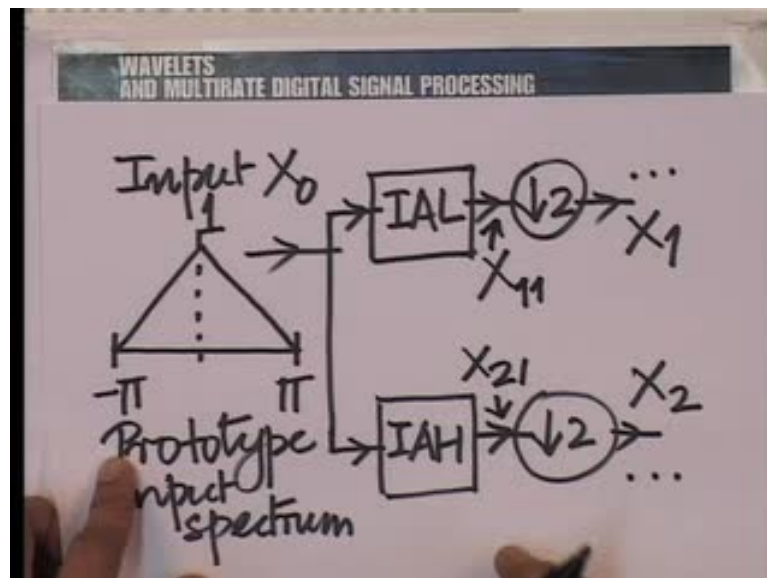
So, we take X_2 subjected to the operation of IAL , IAH down sample by 2, and obtain X_5 and X_6 , and we wish to study the spectra of X_5 X_6 X_3 X_4 X_2 and X_1 . Let us go about this task. Now, X_1 and X_2 are very easy, in fact we can write down the spectra in just one step.

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Let us first put down very clearly the frequency responses, IAL and IAH are respectively ideal low pass and high pass filters discrete time filters of course with cut off $\pi/2$, and therefore it is very easy to write down the spectrum at X_1 and X_2 , you see let me put back those 2 before you.

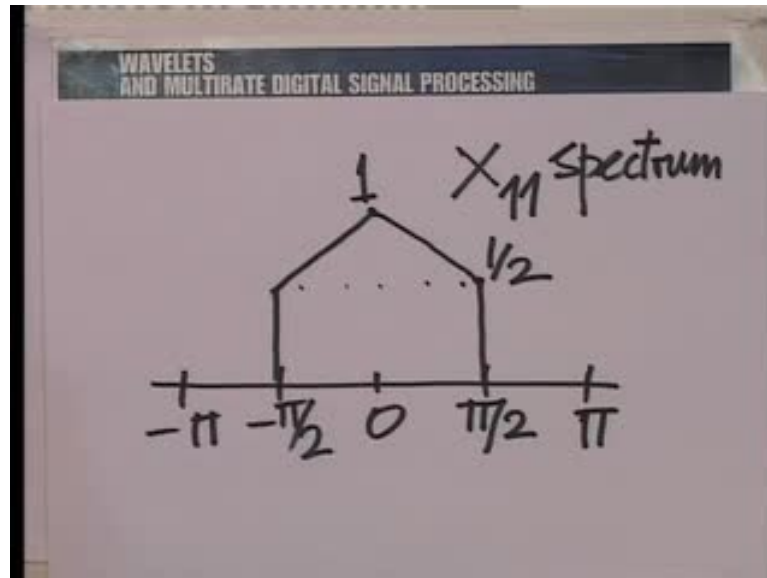
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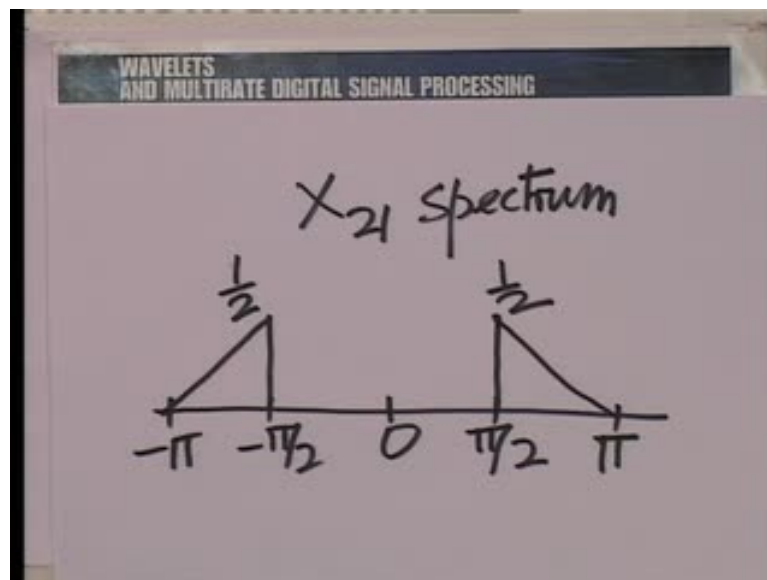
So, if we take X_1 here we have to input X_0 subjected to low pass filtering, that means the spectrum between 0 and $\pi/2$ is going to get extracted, we have done this before so I am not repeating all the details, so if you wish may be for simplicity what we could do,

is to write X_1 here, so we will work out X_1 first for simplicity, and X_2 here and from X_1 we shall go to X and from X_2 we shall go to X .

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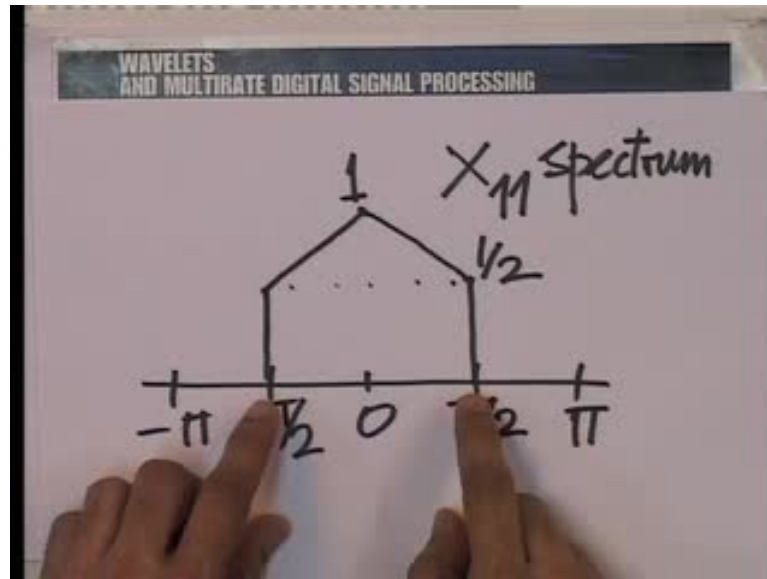


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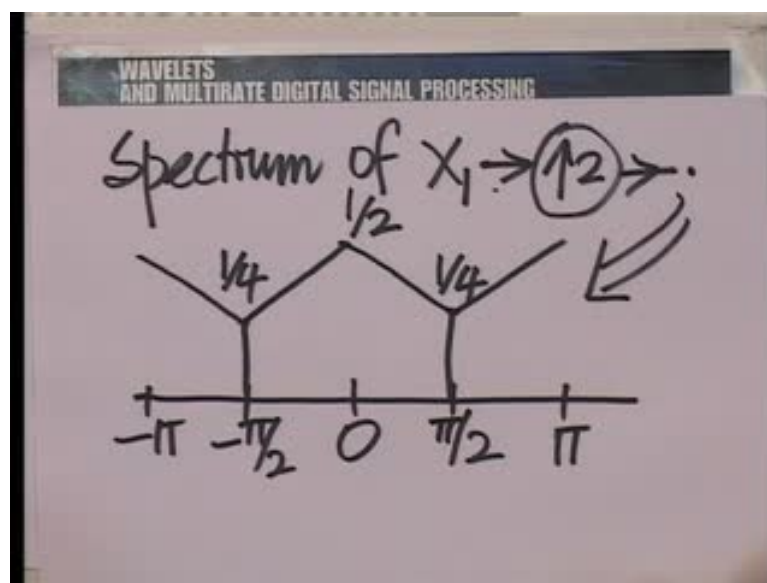
So, X_1 is very easy X_1 is going to have a spectrum like this, after all X_1 is obtained by subjecting the input to an ideal low pass filter with a cut off of $\pi/2$ that is very easy to determine. So, this is the spectrum at X_1 , and similarly the spectrum at X_2 .

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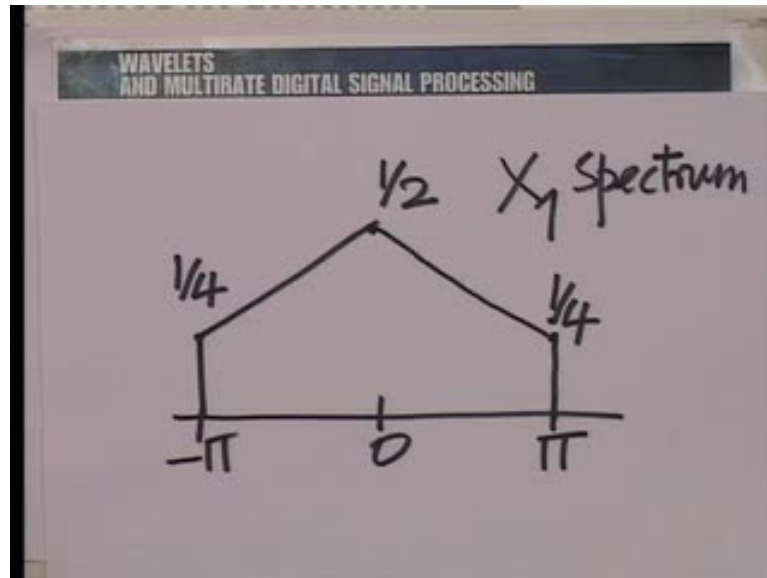
Now, to determine the spectra at X_1 and X_2 we have to be a little careful, we have to note that in down sampling the following happens, we translate the spectrum by every multiple of 2π by 2 that is π , so we translate the spectrum by π and add the original spectrum to its translates by π . Let me put back the spectra X_1 and X_2 , so you can see that when we translate this by π and remember that this is periodically repeated at every multiple of 2π , so whatever you are saying between minus π and π is also going to be present between π and 3π and between minus π and minus 3π and so on.

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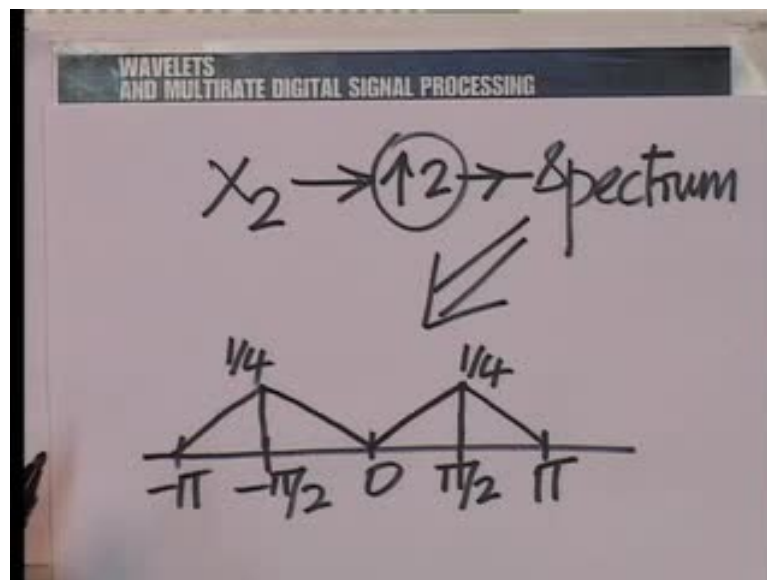


This entire block is going to be placed to lie around pi, and of course what was placed around minus 2 pi would appear here. So, all in all, the spectrum X 1 would look like this, we have done this before, but it is good to recall recapitulate.

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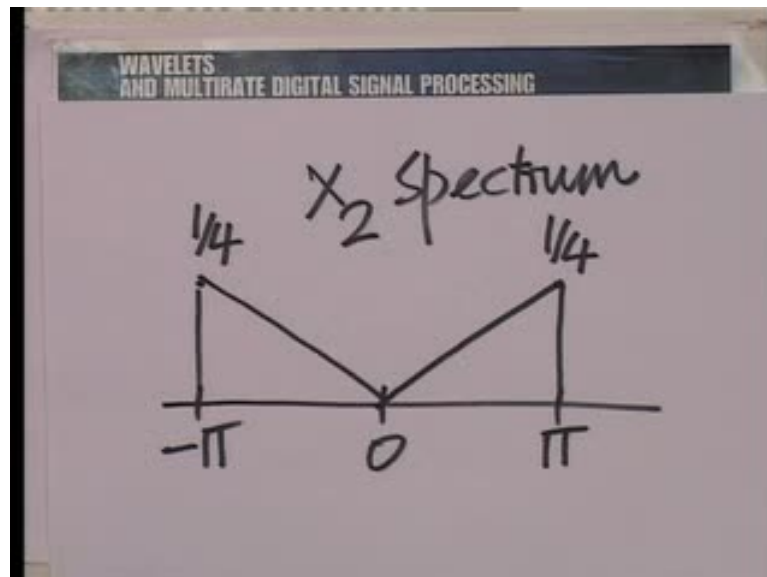


This also a factor of half, so this is the spectrum not of X 1, but of X 1 up sample by 2, so it is at this point that we have this spectrum, and now if you wish to construct the spectrum at this point all that you do is to invert the operation of the up sampler which you can do, the up sampler is invertible, so you just stretch this independent variable by a

factor of 2, the spectrum of X_1 will look like this, and the spectrum at X_2 can similarly be reasoned out, so spectrum at X_2 will appear like this. So, first we construct the spectrum at X_2 up sample by 2.

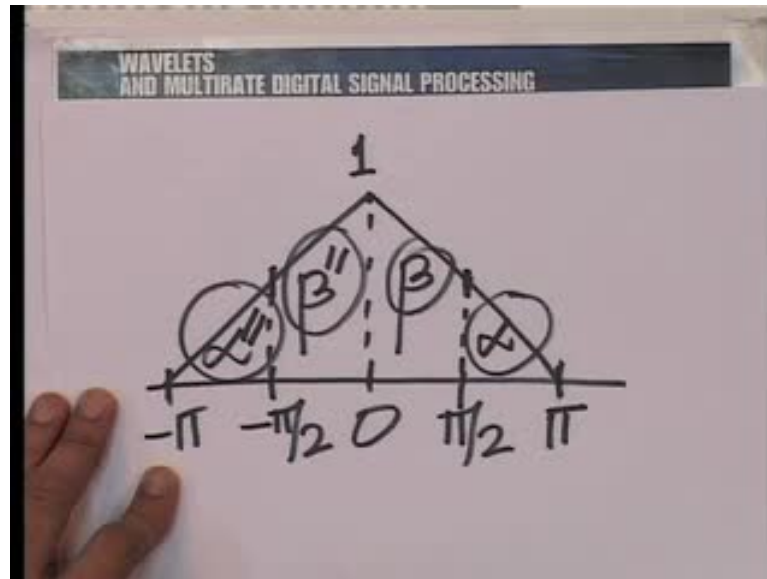
We additionally had this, and this was repeated, this whole structure was repeated at every multiple of 2π , so when we translate by π , this is going to be reproduced here, so we will get this pattern here, and this is going to be brought here. So, this is the spectrum after up sampling, and therefore if we consider the spectrum just of its 2, it would look like this.

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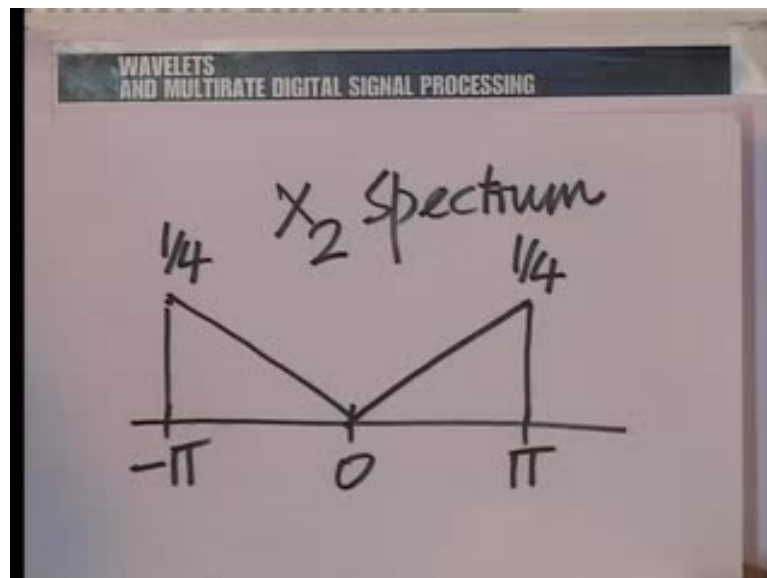
Now, there is an important point to be emphasized at this stage, you see what we need to do is to establish a correspondence between segments of the original spectrum X and the spectra X_1 and X_2 , and we shall do that immediately here.

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So, in fact let us mark out the spectral segments of the original spectrum, let us call this spectrum, of this segment of the spectrum alpha, and this segment shall correspondingly be called alpha prime or alpha double dash if you like, we call this beta, and we call this beta double dash here.

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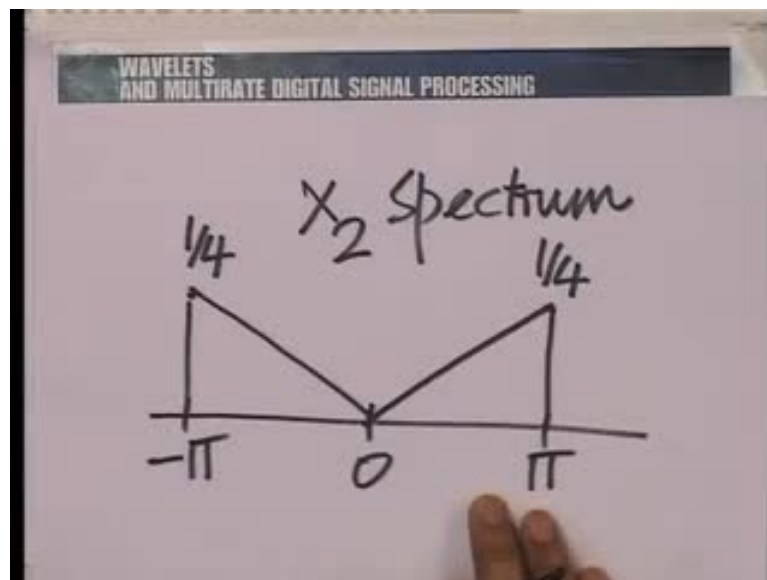
So, we have 4 segments; from $\pi/2$ to π which is the segment alpha, from 0 to $\pi/2$ it is the segment beta, from $-\pi/2$ to 0 which is the segment beta double prime, and from $-\pi$ to $-\pi/2$ which is the segment alpha double prime, and I

would like to mark alpha, beta, beta double prime and alpha double prime in the spectral of X 2 and X 1, let me do that.

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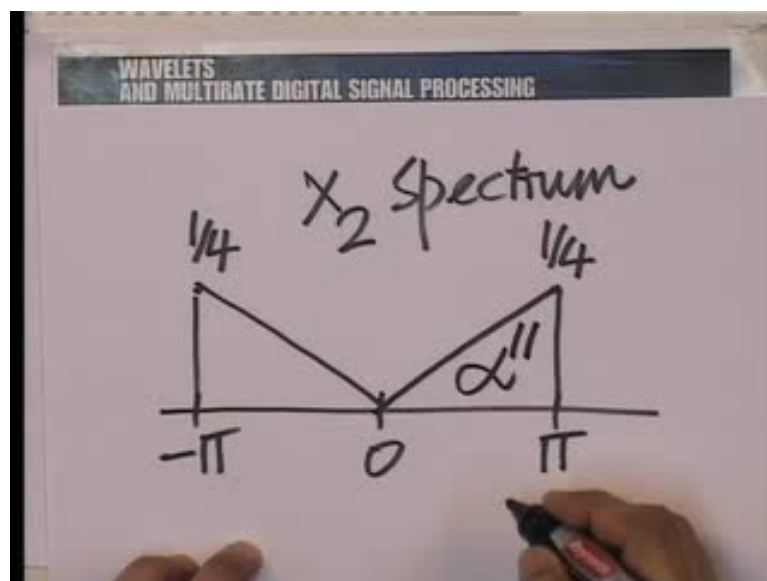
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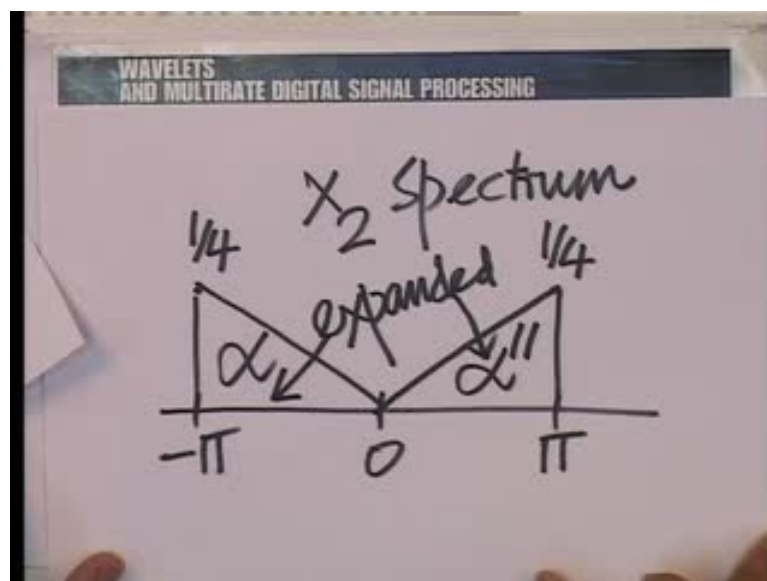
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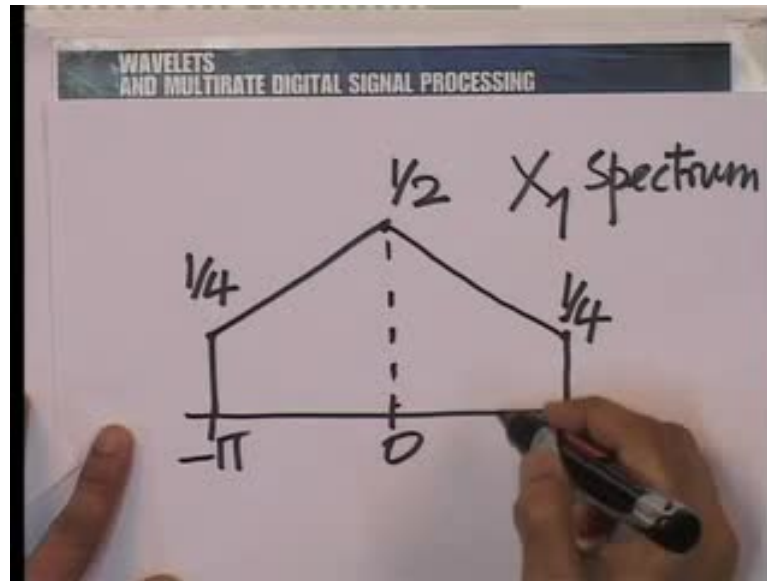


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Now, you will recall that it is essentially alpha and alpha double prime which is gone into the spectrum of X_2 , however this actually if you recall is alpha double prime, just come from alpha double prime, so this is alpha double prime here not alpha, and similarly this part is actually from here, and therefore this is alpha and not alpha double prime, of course there is an expansion, there is an expansion of alpha double prime to fill 0 to π , and there is an expansion of alpha again to fill minus π to 0 .

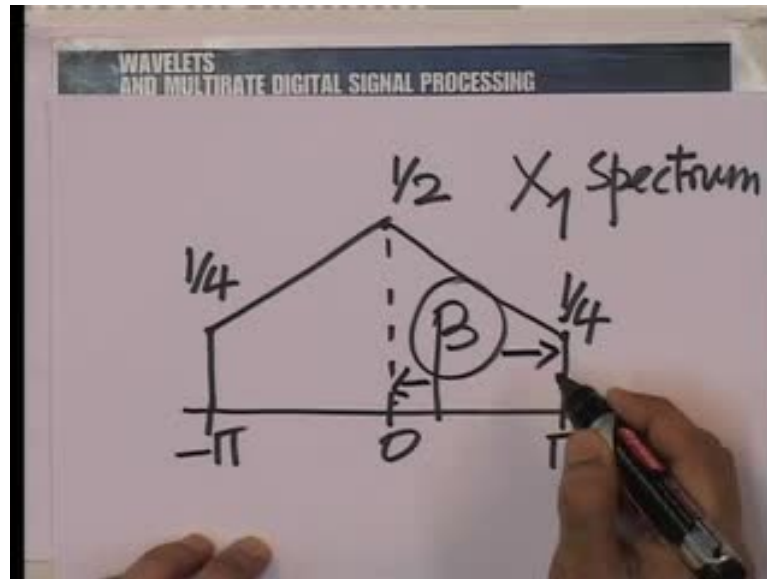
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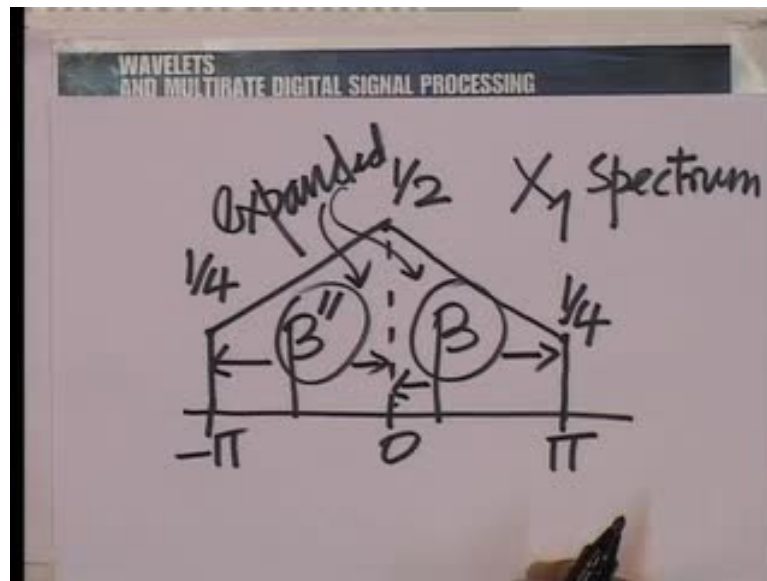
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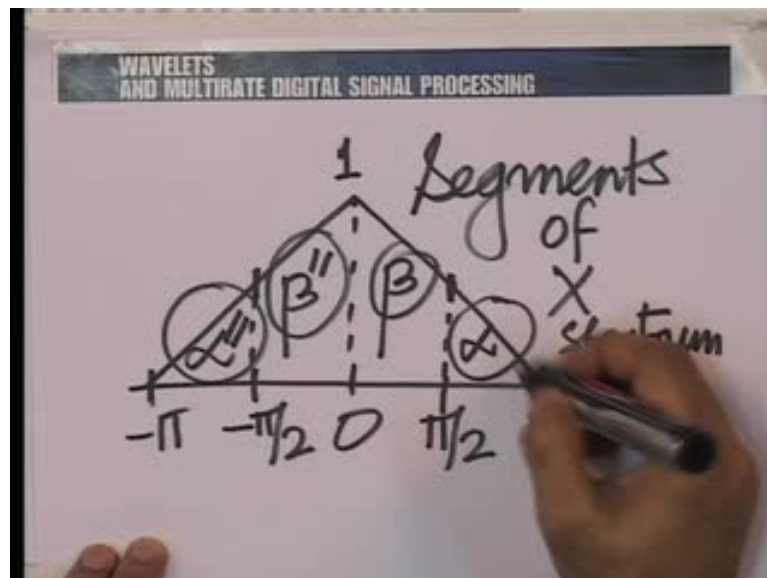


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On a similar note if you look at the spectrum of X_1 , this part of the spectrum here, between 0 and π is actually the spectrum beta, so this is beta here. And beta double prime from the original spectrum has found its place here. Of course they are again expanded as before.

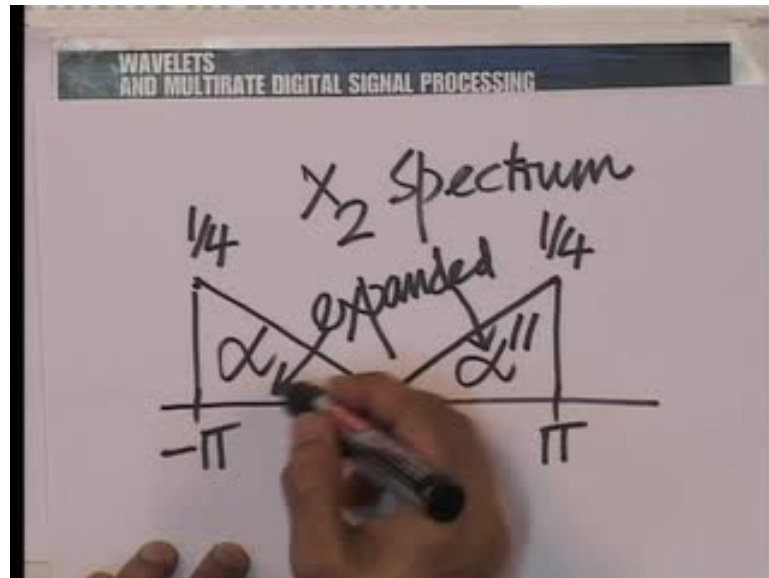
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So, if we mark out the segments of the X spectrum, we notice that the high pass segments have of course come to the high pass branch, but there has been an important change, you know notionally if you look at the segment alpha, this part, you know the

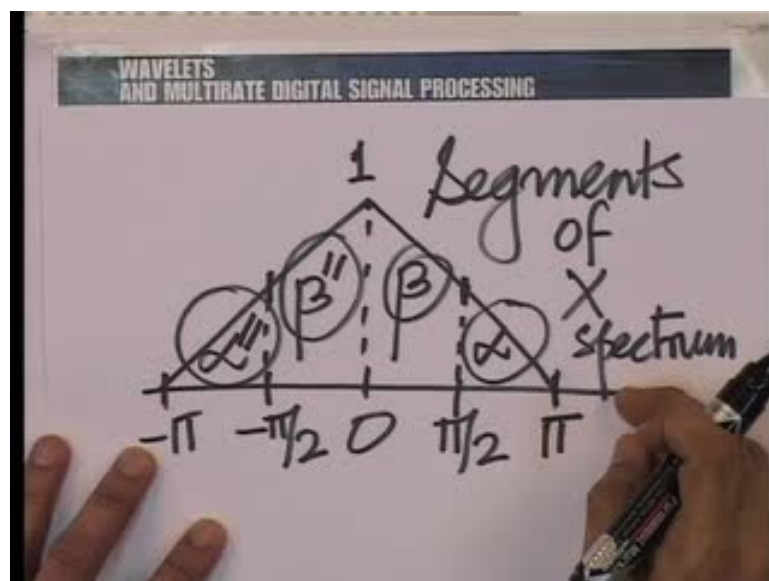
downward part is actually the higher of the frequencies, this part is the frequencies around π , and this part is actually the frequencies between $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/4$.

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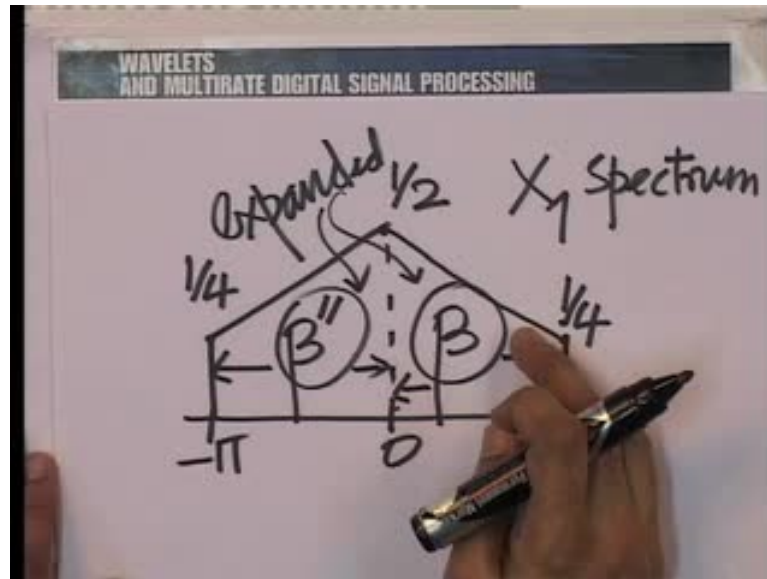


On the other hand when we look at the spectrum $X/2$, what was originally you see in α , this part actually correspondent to the higher frequencies, but here they are manifested as lower frequencies, and this part actually correspondent to the lower side of the frequency, which have now been manifested as higher frequencies

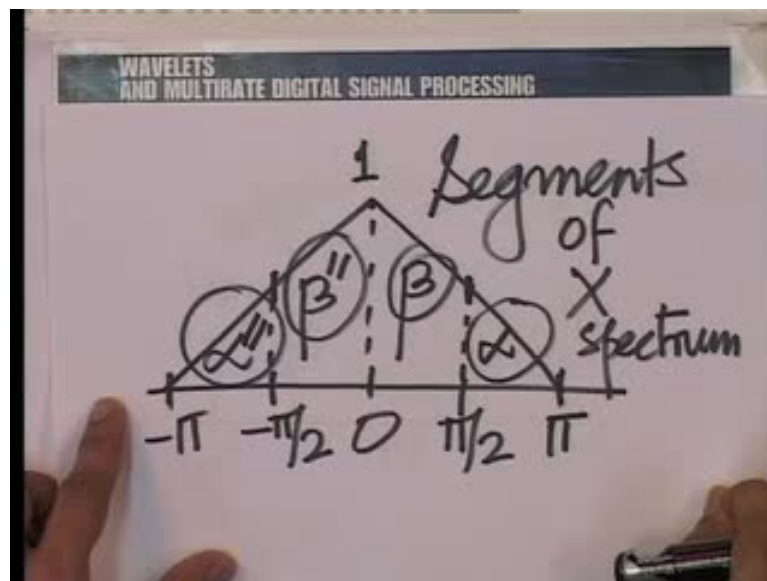
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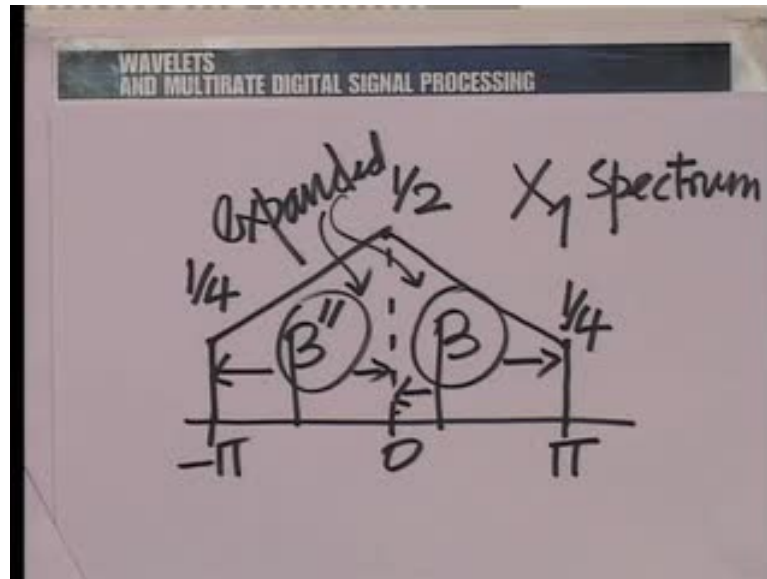


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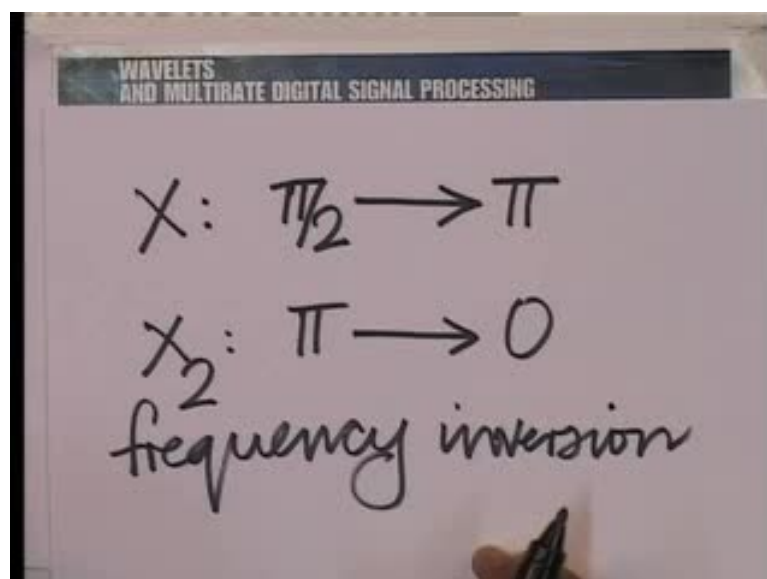
So, there is been an inversion of the frequency. Now, one must look at the difference between what is happened in X_2 and what is happened in X_1 , you see if you look at X_1 on the other hand, and if you focused your attention on the segment beta, then this part would actually be the higher of the frequencies and this the lower of the frequencies in beta, and as expected if you look at the spectrum of X_1 here, so I flash both the figures I have the spectrum of X_1 here, and I have the original segments of the X spectrum here.

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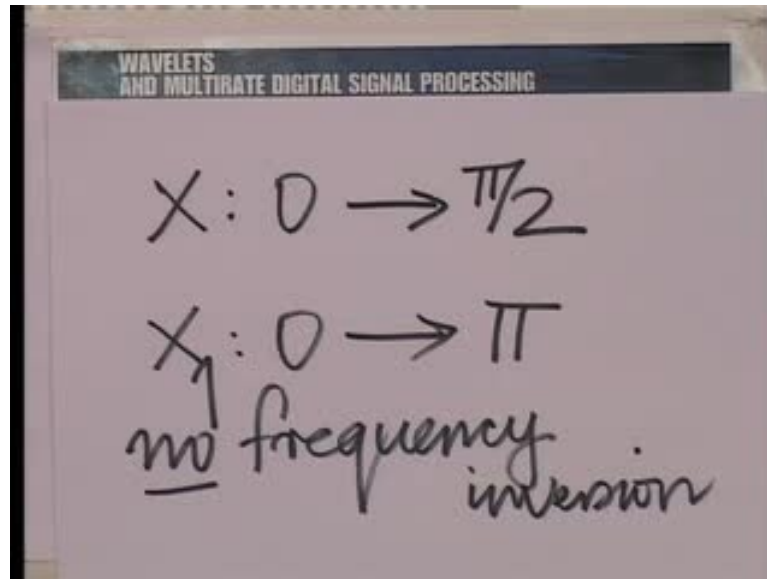


So, the higher of the frequencies have been retained as the higher of the frequencies here, the lower of the frequencies have been retained as the lower of the frequencies here, so as far as X_1 goes, there is no frequency inversion, as far as X_2 goes, there is a frequency inversion, by frequency inversion I mean a reversal of the order of frequencies, as you move from π by 2 to π on the original frequency axis in the spectrum of X , you are actually going in the reverse direction from π towards 0 in the spectrum of X_2 , let us make a note of this, it is a very important conclusion we have drawn.

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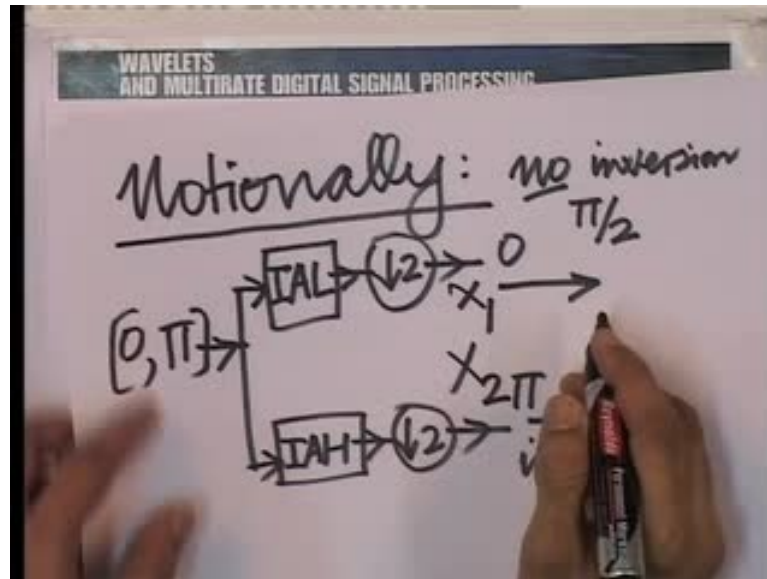
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So, what we are saying is that, in X as you go from $\pi/2$ towards π , in X_2 you are actually going from π towards 0 , and therefore there is a frequency inversion. On the contrary when you look at X_1 , in X when you go from 0 to $\pi/2$, in X_1 you are going from 0 to π . So, there is no frequency inversion here, and this also explains why there is this little asymmetry between the low and the high pass branches, and that is the reason why we had postponed a discussion on this possibility of iterating on the high pass branch for a while.

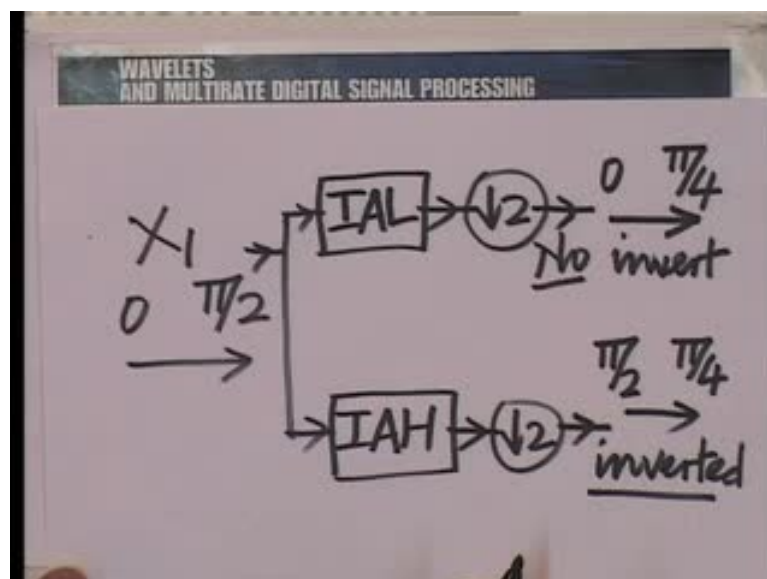
When we iterate on the low pass branch when we subject the decomposed sequence again to low and high pass filtering what we get is intuitively meaningful in the frequency domain, but when we subject the high pass decomposed sequence to low and high pass filtering what we get is a little against our intuition. So, it is like this

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You know notionally what we are saying is, if you start from here, the spectrum 0 to π , subjected to the ideal analysis low pass filter here, ideal analysis high pass filter there and down sample by 2, at this step of course you get 0 to π by 2 in this order 0 towards π by 2, what you get here is π by 2 to π , but in the reverse order, so π to π by 2, so inverted, not inverted.

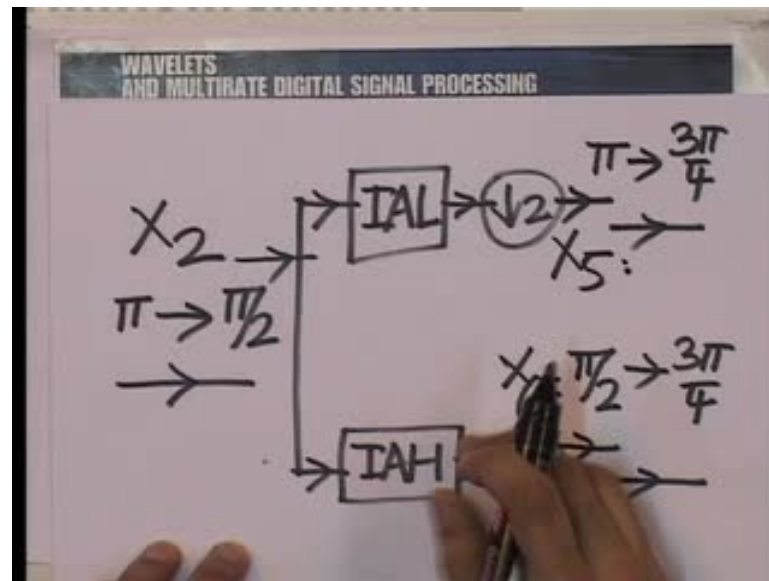
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And now if you iterate again, so this was X_1 of course this is X_2 here, when you iterate X_1 which is 0 to π by 2, subjected to the ideal analysis low pass, ideal analysis high

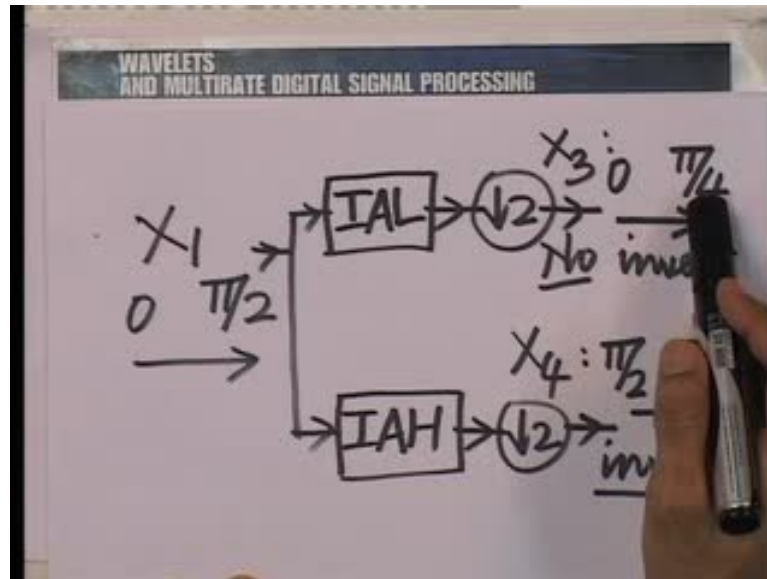
pass and down sample by 2, what you are going to get here at X 3 and X 4 is going to be as follows, this is going to be the spectrum, the original spectrum from 0 to pi by 4 as expected, on the other hand what you are going to get here, is indeed pi by 4 to pi by 2, but inverted. So you are going to get pi by 2 towards pi by 4, so there is an inversion here, there is no inversion here, and the same thing is going to happen in X 2.

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So, X 2 we are going to begin from pi by 2, from pi towards pi by 2 and when this is subjected to the action of the ideal analysis low pass and ideal analysis high pass followed by a down sampling by 2, what we are going to get here, is of course pi to 3 by pi by 4 without an inversion, but this already being one inversions, we have to bear with that.

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So, I would not write here not inverted, because actually there is already an inversion here, and then that inversion is retained here, but interestingly what we get here is going to be what is between $3\pi/4$ and $\pi/2$, but once again inverted and therefore we are going to get $\pi/2$ towards $3\pi/4$, back again. So, it was once inverted and once more inverted, and therefore we get back the spectrum between $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/4$ without an inversion here, and this was once inverted and not inverted here, so it remains inverted. So, you know in X_5 and X_6 X_5 here and X_6 here, and in X_3 here and X_4 here, there is some things slightly counter intuitive.

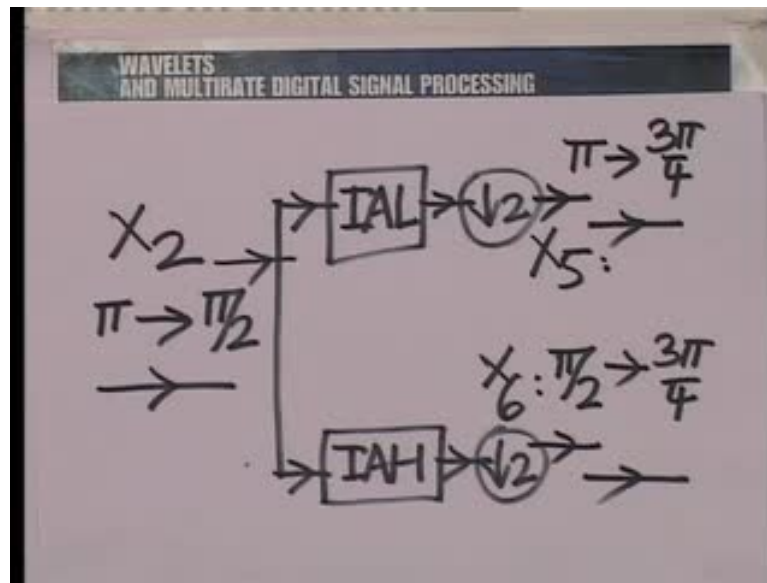
X_3 is obtained as expected after 2 steps of low pass filtering, low pass filtering with ideal low pass filters of cut off $\pi/2$, but there is also a down sampling after each low pass filter, what we get at X_3 is very well within our intuition, we get the first one fourth of the spectrum, so as expected when we subject the input to a low pass operation with cut off $\pi/2$, you are going to get the spectrum between 0 and $\pi/2$, when you again subjected to a low pass operation with cut off $\pi/2$, you are going to get half of that spectrum after down sampling.

So, as expected here at X_3 , we get the spectral component between 0 and $\pi/4$. On the other hand at X_4 , we have to reason out, you see it is kind of intuitive and kind of not, the intuitive part is that you are subjecting the input to a low pass operation first with cut off $\pi/2$, so as expected you would have got the spectrum between 0 and $\pi/2$, now

you are subjecting it to high pass operation between π by 2 and π , so that manifest as taking the second half of the spectrum, but between π by 4 and π by 2.

So, that part is intuitive, the non-intuitive part which has come about as a result of down sampling is that there is an inversion, so as you see at X 4 we indeed get the spectrum between π by 4 and π by 2, but there is an inversion here, so the inversion has been caused by the down sampling operation a consequence of alias.

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On the other hand, if you look at the component in X 2, there is an entirely different store, you know in X 2, we already have a frequency inversion here. Now, X 2 has been obtained by high pass filtering, so of course as expected it takes the spectrum between π by 2 and π . Now, we would have expected that after low pass filtering, we should have got actually the lower of the frequencies between π by 2 and π , so we should have got the frequency between π by 2 and 3π by 4 after the low pass branch, we would have intuitively expected that, but what we actually get as you see, is the components between 3π by 4 and π and also inverted.

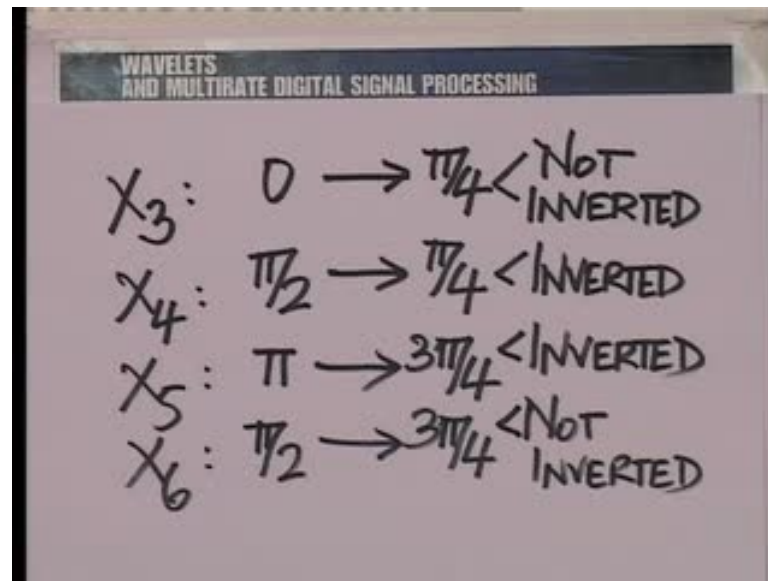
So, this is kind of counter intuitive on 2 counts, it is counter intuitive because what you are getting after high and low pass filtering is not the spectrum between π by 2 and 3π by 4, but the spectrum between 3π by 4 and π also inverted, and then again on the high pass branch we would have expected that, once we have done a high pass operation we should have got the spectra between π by 2 and π , and then on one more high pass

operation, we should have got the higher of the spectral components; namely the spectral components between $3\pi/4$ and π , on the other hand what we actually get is the components between $3\pi/4$ and $\pi/2$ or rather between $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/4$.

So, these are the lower of the spectral components, and this is again counter intuitive, because here we get the lower of the spectral components or components between $\pi/2$ or $3\pi/4$, and they are not inverted, so what we get as the spectral components after decomposing or iterating the ideal analysis filter bank on the high pass branch is indeed very counter intuitive, it is counter intuitive on 2 counts; the low pass after high pass gives you not the lower part, but the higher part of the frequencies and the high pass after high pass gives you not the higher part, but the lower part of the frequencies, what is more, the output of the low pass filter here after the high pass, initial high pass operation leading to $X/2$ is inverted and the high pass followed by high pass is not inverted.

So, you know it is a little troublesome, let us summarize the components that we have got, it is rather important, because you know it is a little counter intuitive, but once we realize that this is happened as a consequence of alias, you see in $X/2$ we are operating entirely on the alias components. In fact the down sampling was very important there, it was as a consequence of down sampling that we could subsequently operate the low and high pass filters, had been not down sampled these alias components would have not been created, and it is on the alias components that the low and high pass filter operate and that is why this counter intuitive result.

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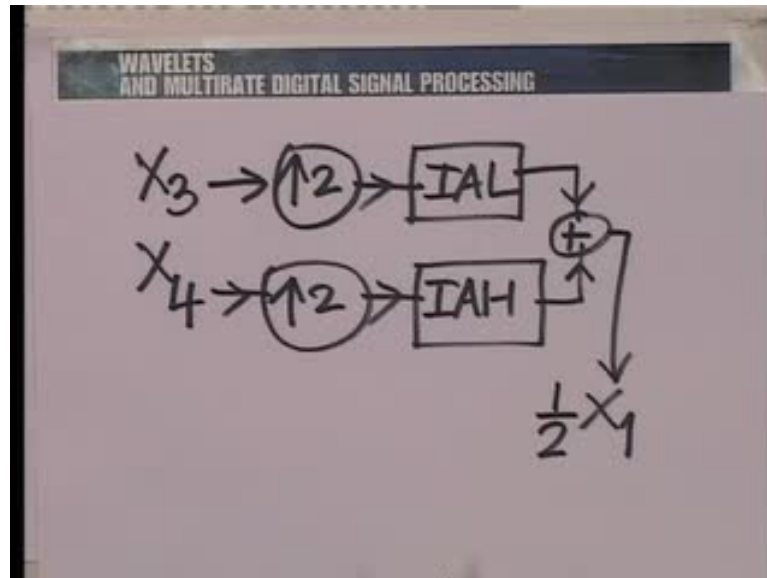
Anyway, let us write down these results very clearly, so what we are saying in effect is, X_3 is essentially the components from 0 to $\pi/4$ not inverted, X_4 is the components from $\pi/2$ to $\pi/4$ inverted, X_5 is the components from π to $3\pi/4$ and inverted, and X_6 is the components from $\pi/2$ to $3\pi/4$ not inverted.

If you will have it, this essentially is the ideal wave packet transform here, so in fact this is one complete step of the wave packet transform, but this is the ideal wave packet transform, we are talking about ideal analysis low pass and high pass filters here. Of course synthesis is very easy, the filter bank is assumed to be a 2 channel perfect reconstruction filter bank, so wherever we have put an analysis filter bank, we can reconstruct by putting the synthesis filter bank, so reconstruction from the wave packet transform is not a difficult at all, that you do is to put the up samplers followed by the synthesis low and high pass filters, and each time you do that you get an annulment of the analysis part.

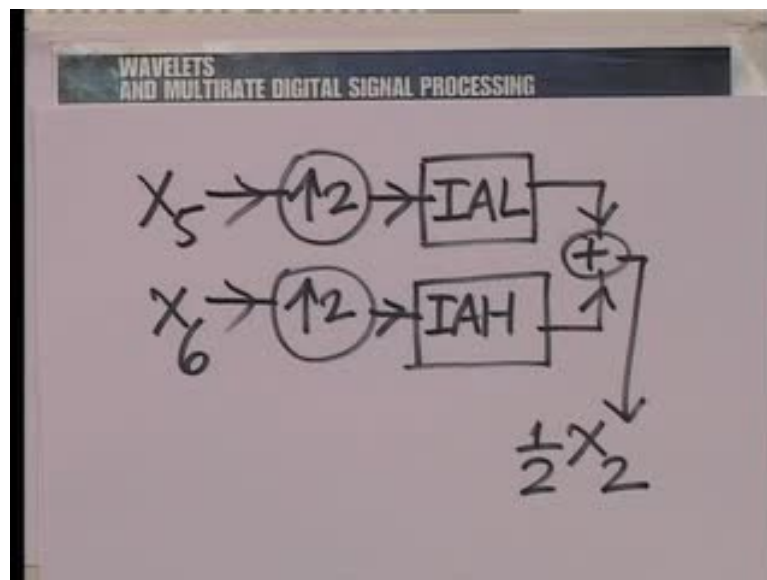
So, here we have put the whole analysis structure twice, once and then once again on after down sampling. If you put the synthesis structure once you would get X_1 and X_2 , I mean once. If you put the synthesis structure once on X_3 and X_4 you would get X_1 . If you would put the synthesis structure on X_5 and X_6 you would get back X_2 . Once, you have X_1 and X_2 , if you put the synthesis structure back on X_1 and X_2 you get

back the original spectrum X . So, reconstruction from the wave packet transform is not difficult at all.

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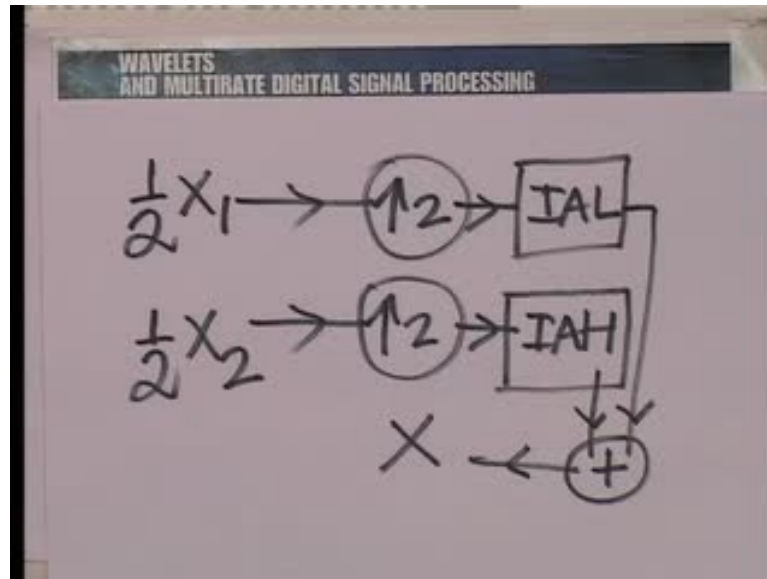


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Let us for completeness write it down, so that we do not make a mistake, what we are saying is, if you take X_3 and X_4 and if you up sample and put the ideal analysis low pass filter here, ideal analysis high pass filter here, you would get almost X_1 , actually half X_1 , and similarly if you take X_5 and X_6 and put back the ideal synthesis structure, you would get back half X_2 .

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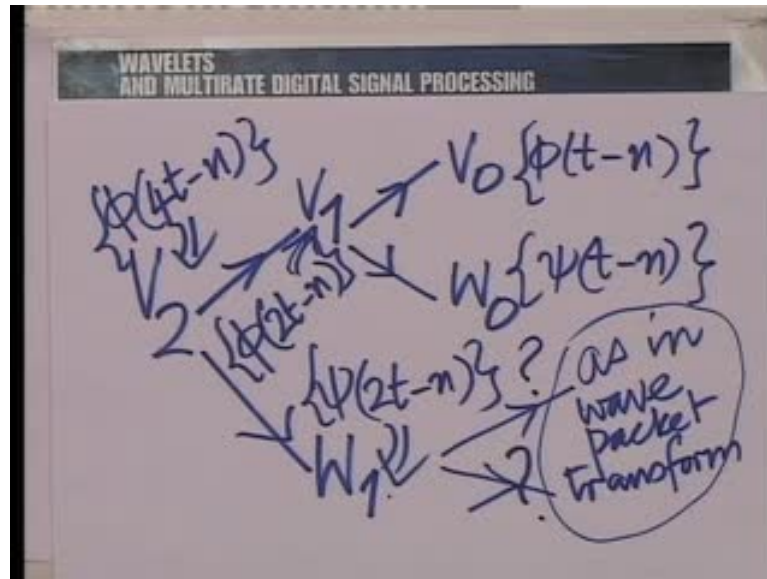
Now, you do not note that I have written IAL here IAH here as also here, I did not need to use a separate ideal synthesis low pass, the same as the ideal analysis low pass, so the same ideal filters came back here, and once of course you have half X_1 and half X_2 available to you, you can reconstruct X back again.

So, reconstruction from the wave packet transform is no trouble at all, of course when it is ideal, in fact even if it is not ideal if we have a perfect reconstruction synthesis filter bank we have the job done. Now, what happens if we apply this structure to the haar MRA, we need to look at that little more carefully, you know that would involve the following things, it would involve understanding what are the basis functions, when we extend this to the haar MRA. Let me explain what I mean here.

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What I am saying is this, when we made a decomposition of V_1 into V_0 and W_0 , the basic functions in V_1 are $\phi(t - n)$, n overall the integers, the basic functions in V_0 are $\phi(t - n)$, n overall the integers; and the basis functions in W_0 are $\psi(t - n)$, ψ is the haar wavelet. In fact this is nothing specific to haar in any multi resolution analysis, if you have the scaling function ϕ and the wavelet function ψ , then this is true.

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Now, let us extend this to 2 levels of decomposition, so suppose we had V_2 being decomposed into V_1 and W_1 , and then V_1 into V_0 and W_0 . Now, here we have $\phi_4(t-n)$, so I would not keep writing n overall the integers, that is understood everywhere. So, this would have the basis functions $\phi_4(t-n)$, overall integer n . This would have the basis functions $\phi_2(t-n)$, overall integer n . This would have the basis functions $\psi_2(t-n)$, overall integers n . This of course we know what the basis functions are, this would be $\phi(t-n)$, overall integers n and this one would have $\psi(t-n)$, overall integer n .

The question that we are asking is as follows; suppose we do happen to decompose this in the wave packet transform, then what are the basis functions here and here, can those basis functions be obtained by translation of a single so called generating function. So, for example the scaling function generate the approximation sub spaces, the wavelet functions generate the incremental sub spaces, can be generalize this if we decompose the incremental sub spaces, can each of them be regarded as being generated by translates of a single generating function.

What are these generating functions, how do we obtain them from the scaling functions, remember we could obtain the wavelet functions from the scaling functions, by taking a linear combination of dilates and translates of the scaling function. The haar wavelet for example is a linear combination of the haar scaling function contracted by a factor of 2,

can be also obtained these generating functions for these decomposed incremental sub spaces in terms of the scaling functions appropriately contracted, all these questions need to be answered, and we shall answer them in the next lecture.

Thank you.