

## ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF SOME WAVELET SERIES

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**Abstract.** In this paper, the asymptotic behavior of wavelet series at a neighborhood of a point of divergence is investigated. Our results extend the works of Reyes [8, 9].

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $0 < s \leq 1$  and  $C^s(\mathbb{R})$  be the Hölder space of all bounded, continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C|x - y|^s$  for some constant  $C$ . The wavelet series in question is of the form

$$(1.1) \quad F(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_j \psi(2^{n_j} x - k_j),$$

where  $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  is a bounded complex sequence, and  $\psi, n_j, k_j$  satisfy conditions (i) – (iv), stated below:

(i)  $\psi \in C^s(\mathbb{R})$  and there exist  $C > 0, N > 0$  such that

$$|\psi(x)| \leq C(1 + |x|)^{-N} \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}),$$

(ii)  $n_j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k_j \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n_1 < n_2 < \cdots$  and

$$\sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (n_{j+1} - n_j) < \infty,$$

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(iii) there exists  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  for which

$$\theta_j := 2^{n_j} x_0 - k_j \longrightarrow \theta^* \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{as } j \rightarrow \infty),$$

(iv) the sequence  $\{jn_j^{-1}\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  converges to a real number  $q^*$ .

By an elementary argument, we can easily see that (ii) is equivalent to (ii\*):

(ii\*)  $n_j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k_j \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n_1 < n_2 < \cdots$  and  $\{n_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  is relatively dense in  $\mathbb{N}$  in the sense that for some  $M \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\{l+1, \dots, l+M\} \cap \{n_1, n_2, \dots\} \neq \emptyset \quad \text{for every integer } l \geq 0.$$

In [8, 9], Reyes investigated the pointwise asymptotic behavior of  $F$  near  $x_0$  for the case that  $\psi$  has a bounded derivative and  $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  is nonnegative. The purpose of this paper is to generalize Reyes' results in the following three directions. First, we extend  $\psi$  with a bounded derivative to  $\psi \in C^s(\mathbb{R})$ . Second, we relax  $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  from nonnegative sequences to complex sequences. The last one is to establish the following two formulas for the case that  $j^\alpha c_j \rightarrow A \in \mathbb{C}$ :

$$(1.2) \quad F(x_0 + \delta) \sim AC_\alpha \psi(\theta^*) (\log(|\delta|^{-1}))^{1-\alpha} \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1),$$

$$(1.3) \quad F(x_0 + \delta) \sim A\psi(\theta^*) \log \log(|\delta|^{-1}) \quad (\alpha = 1),$$

where  $C_\alpha = (1 - \alpha)^{-1}(q^*/\log 2)^{1-\alpha}$ . For  $c_j = j^{-\alpha}$ , (1.2)-(1.3) take the form

$$(1.4) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{-\alpha} \psi(\theta_j + 2^{n_j} \delta) \sim C_\alpha \psi(\theta^*) (\log(|\delta|^{-1}))^{1-\alpha} \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1),$$

$$(1.5) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{-1} \psi(\theta_j + 2^{n_j} \delta) \sim \psi(\theta^*) \log \log(|\delta|^{-1}).$$

They are analogous to the ones established in [1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10] for trigonometric series. The details will be thoroughly discussed in §2 and §3

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** Assume that  $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \in \ell^\infty$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |c_j| = \infty$ , and (i) – (iii) are satisfied. Then

$$(2.1) \quad F(x_0 + \delta) = \psi(\theta^*) \sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} c_j + o\left(\sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} |c_j|\right) \quad (\text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0),$$

where  $r(\delta) := \min\{r \in \mathbb{N} : 2^{nr}|\delta| \geq 1\}$ .

The symbol  $\ell^\infty$  denotes the space consisting of all bounded sequences. Obviously, if  $c_j \geq 0$  for all  $j$ , then (2.1) is the same as

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} c_j \right)^{-1} F(x_0 + \delta) = \psi(\theta^*).$$

Hence, Theorem 2.1 generalizes [9, Theorem 1]. As shown in the proof of [9, Theorem 2], under (iv), we have

$$(2.3) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{r(\delta)}{s(\delta)} = 1,$$

where  $s(\delta) := [q^*(\log 2)^{-1} \log(|\delta|^{-1})]$ . This leads us to the following result.

**Theorem 2.2.** Assume that  $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^\infty \in \ell^\infty$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^\infty |c_j| = \infty$ , and there exists a constant  $K$  such that

$$(2.4) \quad |c_{n+j}| \leq K|c_n| \quad (1 \leq j \leq n).$$

If (i) – (iv) are satisfied, then

$$(2.5) \quad F(x_0 + \delta) = \psi(\theta^*) \sum_{j=1}^{s(\delta)} c_j + o\left(\sum_{j=1}^{s(\delta)} |c_j|\right) \quad (\text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0).$$

For  $c_j \geq 0$ , (2.5) can be restated in the form

$$(2.6) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{s(\delta)} c_j \right)^{-1} F(x_0 + \delta) = \psi(\theta^*).$$

It is obvious that (2.4) is satisfied by those nonnegative sequences  $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  with  $c_j/R_j$  decreasing for some nondecreasing sequence  $\{R_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  of positive numbers subject to the condition:  $\sup_{j \geq 1} R_{2j}/R_j < \infty$ . Any of such  $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  is said to be an  $O$ -regularly varying quasimonotone sequence (cf. [2]). In particular, nonincreasing null sequences belong to such a class. Thus, Theorem 2.2 generalizes [9, Theorem 2]. For  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{s(\delta)} \frac{1}{j^\alpha} \sim \begin{cases} (1-\alpha)^{-1} [q^*(\log 2)^{-1} \log(|\delta|^{-1})]^{1-\alpha} & (0 \leq \alpha < 1), \\ \log \log(|\delta|^{-1}) & (\alpha = 1). \end{cases}$$

Applying Theorem 2.2 to the case  $c_j = j^{-\alpha}$ , (1.4) – (1.5) will be derived. The next theorem allows us to extend them to (1.2) – (1.3) for the case:

$$(2.7) \quad j^\alpha c_j \rightarrow A \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , and  $\{c_j\}_{j=1}^\infty \in \ell^\infty$ . If (i) – (iv) and (2.7) are satisfied, then (1.2) – (1.3) hold.*

It is clear that formula (1.2) with  $\alpha = 0$  reduces to

$$(2.8) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x_0 + \delta)}{\log(|\delta|^{-1})} = \lambda_0 \psi(\theta^*),$$

where  $\lambda_0 = (\log 2)^{-1} q^*(\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} c_j)$ . Hence, Theorem 2.3 generalizes [8, Theorem 1]. Consider the case  $c_j = j^{-s}$ , where  $s > 1$ . We have  $\lambda_0 = 0$ . Thus, applying [8, Theorem 1] (i.e. (2.8)) to such a case, we only obtain

$$(2.9) \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x_0 + \delta)}{\log(|\delta|^{-1})} = 0.$$

In contrast,  $jc_j \rightarrow 0 = A$ , so Theorem 2.3 will lead us to

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x_0 + \delta)}{\log \log(|\delta|^{-1})} = 0,$$

which is better than (2.9). The same example also satisfies  $\sum_{j=1}^\infty |c_j| < \infty$ . Therefore, Theorem 2.2 cannot apply to such a case. This differs Theorem 2.3 from Theorem 2.2.

### 3. PROOFS

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* Let  $|\delta| \leq 1$ . Set

$$S(\delta) = \sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} c_j \{ \psi(\theta_j + 2^{n_j} \delta) - \psi(\theta^*) \},$$

$$R(\delta) = \sum_{j > r(\delta)} c_j \psi(\theta_j + 2^{n_j} \delta).$$

Then

$$(3.1) \quad F(x_0 + \delta) = \psi(\theta^*) \sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} c_j + S(\delta) + R(\delta).$$

As proved in [9, Theorem 1],

$$(3.2) \quad |R(\delta)| \leq \left( \sup_{j > r(\delta)} |c_j| \right) \left\{ j_0 \|\psi\|_\infty + \frac{2^N C}{1 - 2^{-N}} \right\} = o \left( \sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} |c_j| \right),$$

where  $j_0$  is a positive integer with  $|\theta_j| \leq 2^{j_0-1}$  for all  $j \geq 1$ . We have assumed that  $\psi \in C^s(\mathbb{R})$ . Thus, there exists  $P > 0$  such that  $|\psi(x) - \psi(y)| \leq P|x - y|^s$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 |S(\delta)| &\leq P \sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} |c_j| |\theta_j + 2^{n_j} \delta - \theta^*|^s \\
 (3.3) \quad &\leq 2^s P \left( \sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} |c_j| |\theta_j - \theta^*|^s \right) + 2^s P \left( |\delta|^s \sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} 2^{n_j s} |c_j| \right) \\
 &= S_1(\delta) + S_2(\delta), \text{ say.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |c_j| = \infty$ , it follows from [5, Theorem 12] that the method  $(\bar{N}, p_n)$  with  $p_n = |c_n|$  is regular. We have  $|\theta_j - \theta^*|^s \rightarrow 0$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , so

$$(3.4) \quad S_1(\delta) = o\left(\sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} |c_j|\right) \quad (\text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0).$$

The definition of  $r(\delta)$  gives  $|\delta| \leq 2^{-n_{r(\delta)-1}} \leq Q2^{-n_{r(\delta)}}$ , where  $\log_2 Q = \sup_j (n_{j+1} - n_j)$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |S_2(\delta)| &\leq 2^s P Q^s \left( \sup_{j \geq 1} |c_j| \right) 2^{-n_{r(\delta)} s} \sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} 2^{n_j s} \\
 (3.5) \quad &\leq \frac{2^s P Q^s}{s \ln 2} \left( \sup_{j \geq 1} |c_j| \right) = o\left(\sum_{j=1}^{r(\delta)} |c_j|\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting (3.1) – (3.5) together yields (2.1). This is what we want. ■

*Proof of Theorem 2.2.* Rewrite (2.1) into the form

$$F(x_0 + \delta) = \psi(\theta^*) \sum_{j=1}^{s(\delta)} c_j + \text{error terms.}$$

To compare such a form with (2.5), we see that it suffices to show

$$(3.6) \quad \sum_{j=m(\delta)+1}^{M(\delta)} |c_j| = o\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m(\delta)} |c_j|\right) \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $m(\delta) = \min\{r(\delta), s(\delta)\}$  and  $M(\delta) = \max\{r(\delta), s(\delta)\}$ . From (2.3), we see  $M(\delta)/m(\delta) \rightarrow 1$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ . This indicates that  $M(\delta) \leq 2m(\delta)$  as  $\delta$  is small

enough. Thus, (2.4) implies

$$\sum_{j=m(\delta)+1}^{M(\delta)} |c_j| \leq K(M(\delta) - m(\delta))|c_{m(\delta)}|$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m(\delta)} |c_j| \geq \frac{m(\delta)}{2K} |c_{m(\delta)}|.$$

Putting these together yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=m(\delta)+1}^{M(\delta)} |c_j| &\leq 2K^2 \left( \frac{M(\delta)}{m(\delta)} - 1 \right) \sum_{j=1}^{m(\delta)} |c_j| \\ &= o \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m(\delta)} |c_j| \right) \quad (\text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0), \end{aligned}$$

and so the desired result follows. ■

*Proof of Theorem 2.3.* First, consider the case  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . Then Theorem 2.2 ensures the validity of (1.4). Let  $0 < |\delta| < 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad & \left| F(x_0 + \delta) - A \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{-\alpha} \psi(\theta_j + 2^{n_j} \delta) \right| \\ & \leq \left| \sum_{j \leq r(\delta)} (c_j - A j^{-\alpha}) \psi(\theta_j + 2^{n_j} \delta) \right| \\ & \quad + \left( \sup_j |c_j - A j^{-\alpha}| \right) \sum_{j > r(\delta)} |\psi(\theta_j + 2^{n_j} \delta)| \\ & = S_1(\delta) + S_2(\delta), \quad \text{say,} \end{aligned}$$

where  $r(\delta) := \min\{r \in \mathbb{N} : 2^{nr} |\delta| \geq 1\}$ . As (3.2) indicated,

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \quad |S_2(\delta)| &\leq \left( \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |c_j| + |A| \right) \left\{ j_0 \|\psi\|_{\infty} + \frac{2^N C}{1-2^{-N}} \right\} \\ &= o(\log(|\delta|^{-1}))^{1-\alpha} \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for  $1 \leq M \leq r(\delta)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |S_1(\delta)| &\leq M \|\psi\|_\infty \left( \sup_{1 \leq j \leq M} \frac{|j^\alpha c_j - A|}{j^\alpha} \right) \\ &\quad + \|\psi\|_\infty \left( \sup_{M < j \leq r(\delta)} |j^\alpha c_j - A| \right) \sum_{j=M+1}^{r(\delta)} j^{-\alpha} \\ &\leq M \|\psi\|_\infty \left( \sup_{j \geq 1} |j^\alpha c_j - A| \right) + \frac{\|\psi\|_\infty (r(\delta))^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha} \left( \sup_{j > M} |j^\alpha c_j - A| \right). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (2.3) that  $r(\delta) \sim q^*(\log 2)^{-1} \log(|\delta|^{-1})$ , as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ . This guarantees the existence of a constant  $K_\alpha$  such that

$$|S_1(\delta)| \leq \|\psi\|_\infty \left\{ M \left( \sup_{j \geq 1} |j^\alpha c_j - A| \right) + K_\alpha (\log(|\delta|^{-1}))^{1-\alpha} \left( \sup_{j > M} |j^\alpha c_j - A| \right) \right\}.$$

By (2.7), we can choose  $M$  so large that  $\sup_{j > M} |j^\alpha c_j - A|$  is as small as possible. Therefore,

$$(3.9) \quad |S_1(\delta)| = o(\log(|\delta|^{-1}))^{1-\alpha} \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

Putting (1.4) and (3.7)–(3.9) together yields (1.2). To replace (1.4) by (1.5) and to change  $(\log(|\delta|^{-1}))^{1-\alpha}$  to  $\log \log(|\delta|^{-1})$  for each occurrence, we see that the above proof still works for the case  $\alpha = 1$ . This means that (1.3) holds and the proof is complete. ■

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