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for nonparametric function estimation in Gaussian noise using  
Unbalanced Haar wavelets.

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unbalhaar-package      *Function estimation via Unbalanced Haar wavelets*

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### Description

The package implements top-down and bottom-up algorithms for nonparametric function estimation in Gaussian noise using Unbalanced Haar wavelets.

### Details

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### References

P. Fryzlewicz (2007) “Unbalanced Haar technique for nonparametric function estimation”. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 102, 1318-1327.

### Examples

```
x <- c(rep(0, 100), rep(1, 200)) + rnorm(300)
est.topdown <- uh(x)
est.bottomup <- uh.bu(x)
```

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best.unbal.haar      *Best top-down Unbalanced Haar decomposition*

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### Description

The function finds the “best” top-down Unbalanced Haar (UH) decomposition of the input vector  $x$ , according to a selection rule (*criterion*) which specifies which UH vector gets chosen at each scale and location.

**Usage**

```
best.unbal.haar(x, criterion = inner.prod.max)
```

**Arguments**

x	a vector
criterion	a function which takes a vector of length $n$ and returns an integer between 1 and $n-1$

**Value**

tree	A list of J matrices, where J represents the number of “scales”. Each matrix is of size $5 \times$ (the number of UH coefficients at a given scale). Each column (= vector of length 5) contains an Unbalanced Haar coefficient in the following format: 1st component - an index of the coefficient; 2nd component - the value of the coefficient; 3rd component - time point where the corresponding UH vector starts; 4th component - last time point before the breakpoint of the UH vector; 5th component - end point of the UH vector.
smooth	the “smooth” component of x, equal to $\text{sum}(x) / \text{sqrt}(n)$ , where n is the length of x

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**See Also**

[inner.prod.max](#), [inner.prod.max.p](#), [best.unbal.haar.bu](#)

**Examples**

```
best.unbal.haar(rnorm(100), inner.prod.max.p)
```

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best.unbal.haar.bu      *Best bottom-up Unbalanced Haar decomposition*

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**Description**

The function finds the “best” bottom-up Unbalanced Haar (UH) decomposition of the input vector x.

**Usage**

```
best.unbal.haar.bu(x, stretch = length(x))
```

**Arguments**

x	a vector
stretch	at each iteration, only the first 1:stretch elements of the current input vector (whose length decreases by one with each iteration) get scanned in the search for the worst-fitting fine-scale Unbalanced Haar wavelet

**Value**

detail	A matrix of size 3 x n-1, where n is the length of x, containing the detail coefficients of x in the order they were chosen. Each column corresponds to a single coefficient and contains, from top to bottom: location of the coefficient, the associated weight, and the value of the coefficient.
smooth	the “smooth” component of x, equal to $\text{sum}(x) / \text{sqrt}(n)$ , where n is the length of x

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**See Also**

[best.unbal.haar](#)

**Examples**

```
best.unbal.haar.bu(rnorm(100))
```

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hard.thresh

*Hard thresholding of a top-down Unbalanced Haar decomposition*

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**Description**

Presented with an object returned by `best.unbal.haar`, the function sets to zero those Unbalanced Haar coefficients which fall below a certain threshold `sigma`.

**Usage**

```
hard.thresh(buh, sigma = 1)
```

**Arguments**

buh	an object returned by <code>best.unbal.haar</code> containing the decomposition to be thresholded
sigma	the threshold (a positive scalar)

**Value**

a thresholded object, of the same class as buh

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**See Also**

[best.unbal.haar](#), [hard.thresh.bu](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rnorm(1000)
x.uh <- best.unbal.haar(x)
x.uh.th <- hard.thresh(x.uh)
x.uh.th.r <- reconstr(x.uh.th)
ts.plot(x.uh.th.r)
```

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hard.thresh.bu

*Hard thresholding of a bottom-up Unbalanced Haar decomposition*

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**Description**

Presented with an object returned by `best.unbal.haar.bu`, the function sets to zero those Unbalanced Haar coefficients which fall below a certain threshold `sigma`.

**Usage**

```
hard.thresh.bu(buh.bu, sigma = 1)
```

**Arguments**

buh.bu	an object returned by <code>best.unbal.haar.bu</code> containing the decomposition to be thresholded
sigma	the threshold (a positive scalar)

**Value**

a thresholded object, of the same class as buh.bu

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**See Also**

[best.unbal.haar.bu](#), [hard.thresh](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rnorm(1000)
x.uh <- best.unbal.haar.bu(x)
x.uh.th <- hard.thresh.bu(x.uh)
x.uh.th.r <- reconstr.bu(x.uh.th)
ts.plot(x.uh.th.r)
```

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`inner.prod.iter`*Inner products with Unbalanced Haar wavelets*

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**Description**

For an input vector of length  $n$ , the function computes inner products between the input vector and all possible  $n-1$  Unbalanced Haar vectors of length  $n$ .

**Usage**

```
inner.prod.iter(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a vector of length  $n$

**Details**

The computation is iterative and is performed in computational time  $O(n)$ .

**Value**

a vector of length  $n-1$ , containing inner products between `x` and consecutive Unbalanced Haar wavelets of length  $n$

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**Examples**

```
inner.prod.iter(rnorm(100))
```

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inner.prod.max	<i>Unbalanced Haar wavelet which maximises the inner product</i>
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**Description**

The function finds the Unbalanced Haar vector which yields the largest (in absolute value) inner product with the input vector.

**Usage**

```
inner.prod.max(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a vector

**Value**

The index where `abs(inner.prod.iter(x))` is maximised. If two or more maxima are found, the med of their locations is returned.

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**See Also**

[inner.prod.iter](#), [med](#), [inner.prod.max.p](#)

**Examples**

```
inner.prod.max(c(rep(0, 100), rep(1, 200)))
```

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inner.prod.max.p	<i>Unbalanced Haar wavelet which maximises the inner product</i>
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**Description**

The function finds the Unbalanced Haar vector which yields the largest (in absolute value) inner product with the input vector, amongst those Unbalanced Haar vectors whose breakpoint is located between  $100(1-p)\%$  and  $100p\%$  of their support.

**Usage**

```
inner.prod.max.p(x, p = 0.8)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a vector  
p                    a scalar in (0.5, 1]

**Value**

The index where `abs(inner.prod.iter(x))` is maximised on the subinterval `(1+floor((1-p)*n)):ceiling(p*n)`, where `n` is the length of `x`. If two or more maxima are found, the `med` of their locations is returned.

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**See Also**

[inner.prod.iter](#), [med](#), [inner.prod.max](#)

**Examples**

```
inner.prod.max.p(c(rep(0, 100), rep(1, 200)), .55)
```

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med

*Median*

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**Description**

The function computes the median of a vector. Unlike `median`, it is guaranteed to return a value which is a component of the input vector.

**Usage**

```
med(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a vector

**Value**

a scalar defined as `quantile(x, .5, type=3)[[1]]`

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**Examples**

```
med(1:4)  
median(1:4)
```



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reconstr	<i>Reconstruct a top-down Unbalanced Haar decomposition</i>
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**Description**

Reconstructs a vector from its top-down Unbalanced Haar decomposition stored in an object returned by `best.unbal.haar` or `hard.thresh`.

**Usage**

```
reconstr(buh)
```

**Arguments**

`buh` an object of the type returned by `best.unbal.haar` and `hard.thresh`

**Value**

the inverse Unbalanced Haar transform of `buh`

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**See Also**

[best.unbal.haar](#), [hard.thresh](#), [reconstr.bu](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rnorm(1000)
x.uh <- best.unbal.haar(x)
x.uh.th <- hard.thresh(x.uh)
x.uh.th.r <- reconstr(x.uh.th)
ts.plot(x.uh.th.r)
```

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reconstr.bu	<i>Reconstruct a bottom-up Unbalanced Haar decomposition</i>
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**Description**

Reconstructs a vector from its bottom-up Unbalanced Haar decomposition stored in an object returned by `best.unbal.haar.bu` or `hard.thresh.bu`.

**Usage**

```
reconstr.bu(buh.bu)
```

**Arguments**

buh.bu                    an object of the type returned by `best.unbal.haar.bu` and `hard.thresh.bu`

**Value**

the inverse Unbalanced Haar transform of `buh.bu`

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**See Also**

[best.unbal.haar.bu](#), [hard.thresh.bu](#), [reconstr](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rnorm(1000)
x.uh <- best.unbal.haar.bu(x)
x.uh.th <- hard.thresh.bu(x.uh)
x.uh.th.r <- reconstr.bu(x.uh.th)
ts.plot(x.uh.th.r)
```

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uh

*Denoising via top-down Unbalanced Haar*

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**Description**

Given an input vector of the form “signal + iid Gaussian noise”, the function estimates the noise level via Median Absolute Deviation, finds the best top-down Unbalanced Haar decomposition (according to the selection rule `criterion`), thresholds it with the universal threshold, and performs the inverse Unbalanced Haar transform to yield an estimate of the signal.

**Usage**

```
uh(x, criterion = inner.prod.max)
```

**Arguments**

x                        a vector of the form “signal + iid Gaussian noise”  
criterion                a function which takes a vector of length  $n$  and returns an integer between 1 and  $n-1$

**Value**

an estimate of the signal

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**References**

P. Fryzlewicz (2007) “Unbalanced Haar technique for nonparametric function estimation”. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 102, 1318-1327.

**See Also**

[uh.bu](#), [best.unbal.haar](#), [inner.prod.max](#), [inner.prod.max.p](#), [hard.thresh](#), [reconstr](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- c(rep(0, 100), rep(1, 200)) + rnorm(300)
est <- uh(x)
```

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uh.bu

*Denoising via bottom-up Unbalanced Haar*

---

**Description**

Given an input vector of the form “signal + iid Gaussian noise”, the function estimates the noise level via Median Absolute Deviation, finds the best bottom-up Unbalanced Haar decomposition, thresholds it with the universal threshold, and performs the inverse Unbalanced Haar transform to yield an estimate of the signal.

**Usage**

```
uh.bu(x, stretch = length(x))
```

**Arguments**

x	a vector of the form “signal + iid Gaussian noise”
stretch	at each iteration, only the first 1:stretch elements of the current input vector (whose length decreases by one with each iteration) get scanned in the search for the worst-fitting fine-scale Unbalanced Haar wavelet

**Value**

an estimate of the signal

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**References**

P. Fryzlewicz (2007) “Unbalanced Haar technique for nonparametric function estimation”. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 102, 1318-1327.

**See Also**

[uh](#), [best.unbal.haar.bu](#), [hard.thresh.bu](#), [reconstr.bu](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- c(rep(0, 100), rep(1, 200)) + rnorm(300)
est <- uh.bu(x)
```

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unbal.haar.vector      *Unbalanced Haar vector*

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**Description**

Computes the non-zero part of an Unbalanced Haar vector with a given start-, break- and end-point.

**Usage**

```
unbal.haar.vector(a)
```

**Arguments**

**a**                      a three-component vector of integers such that  $a[1] \leq a[2] < a[3]$ . The three components specify, respectively, the start point, the time point just before the breakpoint, and the endpoint of the desired Unbalanced Haar vector.

**Value**

the non-zero part of the corresponding Unbalanced Haar vector

**Author(s)**

Piotr Fryzlewicz

**Examples**

```
unbal.haar.vector(c(1, 1, 2))
unbal.haar.vector(c(2, 5, 12))
```

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