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**Subject:** hw3

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**Author:** Griffin Rowell

**Date:** October 23, 2011 6:54 PM

Hey all, I've been staring at this first problem and it's not going too quickly for me. I don't have any idea about the doppler, but I am getting an idea about the phase right now I have that the A for phase is  $A = f_1^2 f_2^2 / (f_2^2 - f_1^2) * (\lambda_1 \phi_1 - \lambda_2 \phi_2)$ .

The tricky part for me is getting it in radians. So for  $\phi_1$  I get :  
 $\lambda_1 \phi_1 = \lambda_1 \phi + A / f_1^2$

I don't know if I need any  $2\pi$  in there, but I was just trying to match up the powers of  $\lambda$ . Did anyone else get anything similar?

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**Subject:** Re:hw3

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**Author:** Patrick Mc Cormick

**Date:** October 24, 2011 2:34 AM

I just started the homework too. I'm more focused on the project plan and literature review at the moment, it's due at the end of the week according to his old schedule. (am I right? the beginning of this course was a blur since I was busy at work)

So, for the ionospheric free phase, I was at first confused by the Prof's notes. Is there a single phase that is synonymous with the iono-free pseudorange? Or are there multiple?

I believe the answer is the latter ... you have to choose a scale factor to get the ionospheric free measurements for both L1 and L2 by scaling to their respective frequencies.

... at least that's how I interpret this ...

I arrived at this by going back to the definition of phase and doing a difference of the two multiplied by their frequencies, namely

$f_{L1} \phi_{L1} - f_{L2} \phi_{L2} = (\text{big long equation})$

Once you fill a page full of algebra, you should get an equation on the right hand side that looks familiar. It's the carrier phase equation again! Sorta ... divided by an ideal frequency and  $2\pi$ ... with some detritus leftover by the integer cycles \* frequencies ... .

I won't spoil the fun ... work out the algebra and if you run into trouble, check this out ... I used this to confirm my answers:

[http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/snap/gps/gps\\_survey/chap6/642.htm](http://www.gmat.unsw.edu.au/snap/gps/gps_survey/chap6/642.htm)

And also refer to the attachment. It's a presentation I found by doing a Google search on "ionosphere-free carrier"

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**Subject:** Re:hw3  
**Author:** Vikas Vatsa

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**Date:** October 24, 2011 9:49 PM

To derive the ionosphere-free carrier phase I pretty much did the exact same thing as was used to derive the ionosphere free pseudorange derivation in the notes on page W8&9-36-37. I was careful to NOT directly compare  $\phi_{L1}$  and  $\phi_{L2}$  like the Professor warned and instead compared  $\phi_{L1} \cdot \lambda_{L1} / (2 \cdot \pi)$  and  $\phi_{L2} \cdot \lambda_{L2} / (2 \cdot \pi)$  like the professor wanted. It becomes clear why you want to compare it to those values when you look at the units of A.

I ended up getting the following after all the algebra:

$$\phi_{\text{star}} = 4.5294 \cdot \phi_{L1} - 3.5294 \cdot \phi_{L2}$$

Anyone else got something similar?

Thanks,

Vikas

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**Author:** Griffin Rowell

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Yes I did, but I think there is something with wavelength in there. It looks like you will have  $\{\lambda_1(\phi_{\text{ionfree1}}) + \lambda_2(\phi_{\text{ionfree2}})\} / (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$  so you can get it in meters.

Now on to doppler. I haven't even seen doppler. Time to search the notes.

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**Author:** Griffin Rowell

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Is anyone multiplying this by c? The equation in the book has a factor of c I can't figure out. It does give m/s so if that's all we are trying to do then ok.

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**Subject:** Re:hw3  
**Author:** Peter Edelman

**Topic:** Default Topic  
**Date:** October 24, 2011 11:01 PM

Hi everybody,

Finding  $\phi^*$  the same method I get

$$\phi^* = f_1^2 / (f_1^2 - f_2^2) \cdot \phi_{L1} - f_1 \cdot f_2 / (f_1^2 - f_2^2) \cdot \phi_{L2}$$

or

$$2.5457 * \phi_{L1} - 1.9837 * \phi_{L2}$$

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**Author:** Griffin Rowell

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**Date:** October 25, 2011 11:41 AM

Thanks Peter. I got the same.

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**Subject:** Re:hw3

**Author:** Patrick Mc Cormick

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**Date:** October 25, 2011 2:23 PM

Yes, this is my ionosphere-free measurement expressed in wavelengths of L1.

The equation for ionosphere-free measurement expressed in wavelengths of L2 is similar:

$$\phi_{L2} = f_2 * f_1 / (f_1^2 - f_2^2) * \phi_1 - f_2^2 / (f_1^2 - f_2^2) * \phi_2$$

Expressing in either is acceptable and removes the ionosphere effects from both carrier frequencies.

Interestingly, if you do the generalized derivation, you can realize that you can express it in any wavelength you want ... but typically it's expressed in wavelengths (or frequencies ... same difference) of L1 or L2 or something else GPS related.

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**Author:** Vikas Vatsa

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**Date:** October 25, 2011 9:28 PM

I got what you guys got now. Thanks a million for that link Patrick, I don't think I would have figured out the nuances of expressing the ionosphere free measurement in terms of wavelength with just the notes.

Thanks!

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**Subject:** Re:hw3

**Author:** Adam Harden

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**Date:** October 26, 2011 12:46 AM

Hi everyone,

I need a bit of guidance.

I'm trying determine the ionosphere-free carrier phase at the moment and getting nowhere. The first thing I'm trying to do is determine the factor of A. I'm setting up something similar to what we did for pseudo-range:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{phi\_L1} &= \text{phi\_star} + A/f_{L1} \\ \text{phi\_L2} &= \text{phi\_star} + A/f_{L2}\end{aligned}$$

But obviously that just yields the same A we arrived at before. Do I need to multiply the phi\_L1, phi\_L2, and phi\_star by some  $\lambda/(2\pi)$ ? Is this even the correct way to go about this? The notes aren't particularly helpful here...

I've also looked at using the carrier phase equation on page W7-33 and tried subtracting

$$2\pi/\lambda_{L1} * \text{phi\_L1} - 2\pi/\lambda_{L2} * \text{phi\_L2}$$

All that seems to provide though is the difference in ionospheric delays (times c) plus the different in ambiguity factors (times their respective wavelengths). I feel as if this should not be as bad as I've made it to be, but I'm not really sure where to go.

Can someone point me in the right direction? (Btw, I tried reading Patrick's links, but the website is illegible to me and the PPT didn't help much either...)

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**Author:** Peter Edelman

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**Date:** October 26, 2011 12:02 PM

scale one of the carrier phases (phi\_L1 or phi\_L2) by either of the frequencies (f\_L1 or f\_L2) and subtract the two and solve for either the ionosphere free L1 or L2 carrier phases. It doesn't matter which one you find, I asked the prof.

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**Author:** Adam Harden

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**Date:** October 26, 2011 3:14 PM

Ah, that would be my problem then. So I can scale either phi\_L1 and phi\_L2 by the same wavelength (over  $2\pi$ , of course)?

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**Subject:** Re:hw3

**Author:** Adam Harden

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Alright, so I choose to scale by  $\lambda_1$ . Following the pseudo-range derivation:

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda_1/(2\pi)) * \text{phi\_L1} &= (\lambda_1/(2\pi)) * \text{phi\_Star} + A/f_1^2 \\ (\lambda_1/(2\pi)) * \text{phi\_L2} &= (\lambda_1/(2\pi)) * \text{phi\_Star} + A/f_2^2\end{aligned}$$

When I do this and solve for phi\_Star (after solving for A):

$$\text{phi\_Star} = (f_1^2/(f_1^2 - f_2^2)) * \text{phi\_L1} - (f_2^2/(f_1^2 - f_2^2)) * \text{phi\_L1}$$

This is the same thing I had before with psuedo-range, which I don't believe is correct. I was expecting to see an additional factor of  $f_1$  in there somewhere.

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**Subject:** Re:hw3

**Author:** Adam Harden

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**Date:** October 26, 2011 5:14 PM

Alright, after some rework and additional understanding, I end up with:

$$\text{phi\_Star} = (f_1^2 / (f_1^2 - f_2^2)) * \text{phi\_L1} - (f_1 * f_2 / (f_1^2 - f_2^2)) * \text{phi\_L2}$$

which looks correct.

Out of curiosity, has anyone else tried to plot the geometric range against the psuedo-range and the carrier-derived psuedo-range?

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**Subject:** Re:hw3

**Author:** Rizwan Qureshi

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**Date:** October 27, 2011 5:47 PM

Hey Adam,

I am stuck almost at the same point where u were getting stuck.

Right now I have these TWO equations:

$$\text{phi\_1} = 2\pi / \text{lamda\_1} * [\text{phi\_1\_star} + A / f_1^2]$$

$$\text{phi\_2} = 2\pi / \text{lamda\_2} * [\text{phi\_2\_star} + A / f_2^2]$$

where  $\text{phi\_1}$  and  $\text{phi\_2}$  are in dimensions of Radians right now. If I convert above 2 equations into dimensions of DISTANCE as Prof told us to, then I get:  $\text{Phi\_1}$  and  $\text{phi\_2}$  in dimensions of DISTANCE are:

$$\text{phi\_1\_in\_meters} = [\text{phi\_1\_star} + A / f_1^2]$$

$$\text{phi\_2\_in\_meters} = [\text{phi\_2\_star} + A / f_2^2]$$

Now this is where I am stuck. I can solve for A and I did try to do what Peter told me, (i.e.  $f_1 * \text{phi\_1\_in\_meters} - f_2 * \text{phi\_2\_in\_meters}$ ) but I get  $0 = 0$  once I implement this.

Could u tell me if u were getting stuck on this too and what did u do different that resulted in the answer that u got. Ur answer is matching with others, so I am doing something fundamentally wrong here.

Thanks!  
Rizwan

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**Subject:** Re:hw3  
**Author:** Benjamin Martin

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What sort of "additional understanding" helped you arrive with the correct form? I too am coming up with

$$\text{phi\_Star} = (f_1^2 / (f_1^2 - f_2^2)) * \text{phi\_L1} - (f_1 * f_2 / (f_1^2 - f_2^2)) * \text{phi\_L2}$$

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**Author:** Griffin Rowell

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This is what I got. i was under the impression that we were agreed on this answer?

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**Author:** Griffin Rowell

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Working on the clock bias with phase did you all just plug  $\phi^*$  in  $\phi = 1/\lambda * (r + c * Tr)$ ? This seems like the only way to equate the two, but this doesn't account for the  $n$  term at the end.

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**Author:** Griffin Rowell

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Sorry for the double post, but I think I am a little confused about turning the phase and doppler into range rates. For phase I am thinking we take either the L1 or L2  $\phi^*$  and multiply by  $\lambda$ . To get range rate just use diff like on pseudorange.

For doppler I really don't know. Would you just find the  $\lambda$  associated with this and then differentiate that?


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**Author:** Peter Edelman

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I think with Doppler you use  $f_D = -d(\rho)/dt * 1/c$  to get the range rate. Don't quote me on this though, just a first guess

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