

Problem page 100 : "The Theory of the Moire Phenomenon" Volume II, by I. Amidror, published by Springer,

**3-18** *Synthesis of a layer superposition having a predefined fixed locus.*

"Design layer transformations  $\mathbf{g}_1(x, y)$  and  $\mathbf{g}_2(x, y)$  that will produce in the superposition of two initially identical random screens a fixed locus consisting of a star-like curve that surrounds the origin as shown in the figure on the front cover of this book. Hint: In this case, you may consider a top-opened conic surface having star-like level lines, such as  $z = r(1 + 0.5 \cos 5\theta)$ , or, possibly,  $z = r/(1 + 0.5 \cos 5\theta)$ , which gives a slightly different star. You may adjust the orientation of the star by replacing cos by sin or by  $-\sin$ , as seems suitable. In order to have this surface intersect the  $x, y$  plane along a star, you need to lower it by some constant  $z_0$ :  $z = r(1 + 0.5 \cos 5\theta) - z_0$ . But if you wish to obtain a more complex surface that intersects the  $x, y$  plane on a family of concentric stars, you may consider a surface such as:  $z = \sin(r(1 + 0.5 \cos 5\theta))$ ."





