

**ASSIGNMENT 5: Resolution Analysis**

Due: Tuesday, March 5, 6 pm

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In the time domain, the chirp waveform for range estimation is in the form of

$$p(t) = A \exp(j\pi B t^2 / T) \quad -T/2 < t < T/2$$

where  $T$  is the chirp period and  $B$  is the bandwidth.

In the space domain, suppose there is an active coherent point source centered at  $(x, z) = (0, 0)$ . At a distance, a centered linear receiver aperture has a span of  $L$ , from  $x = -L/2$  to  $x = +L/2$ . The center of the linear aperture is at  $(x, z) = (0, z_o)$ . The received wavefield over the aperture is in the form of

$$g(x) = (1/j\lambda r)^{1/2} \exp(j2\pi r/\lambda) \quad -L/2 < x < L/2$$

$$\approx C \exp(j2\pi r/\lambda)$$

where  $r = (x^2 + z_o^2)^{1/2}$ .

1. Observe the spectrum of  $p(t)$  as a function of  $T$ .
2. Observe the autocorrelation function of  $p(t)$  as a function of  $T$ .
3. Calculate and observe the spectrum of  $p(t - \Delta t) p^*(t)$  as a function of  $\Delta t$  and  $T$ .
4. Observe the spatial-frequency spectrum of  $g(x)$  as a function of  $L$  and  $z_o$ .
5. Observe the autocorrelation function of  $g(x)$  as a function of  $L$  and  $z_o$ .
6. Calculate and observe the spectrum of  $g(x - \Delta x) g^*(x)$  as a function of  $\Delta x$ ,  $L$  and  $z_o$ .
7. Establish the similarity and equivalence between  $p(t)$  and  $g(x)$ .

Hint:

If Part (1) of the homework assignment seems confusing, you can modify it into the form of

$$p(t) = A \exp(j\pi S t^2) \quad -T/2 < t < T/2$$

where  $T$  is the chirp period and  $S$  is the *slope* of the chirp. Set the slope  $S$  to constant. Then variation of the chirp period  $T$  will give you different bandwidth and subsequently different autocorrelation function.