

# Transformations in Fourier domain

This note is based on Blakely (1996, chapters 11 and 12)

Fourier transform

$$F(k_x, k_y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) e^{-i(k_x x + k_y y)} dx dy$$

complex real

Alternative notations  $F[f]$  or  $F[f(x, y)]$

$i = \sqrt{-1}$

Inverse Fourier transform

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(k_x, k_y) e^{i(k_x x + k_y y)} dk_x dk_y$$

real complex

$k_x, k_y$   
wavenumbers

Some important properties:

Derivative

$$F[\partial_x f] = i k_x F[f] \quad F[\partial_{xx} f] = (i k_x)^2 F[f]$$

$$F[\partial_{xy} f] = (i k_x)(i k_y) F[f]$$

Shift

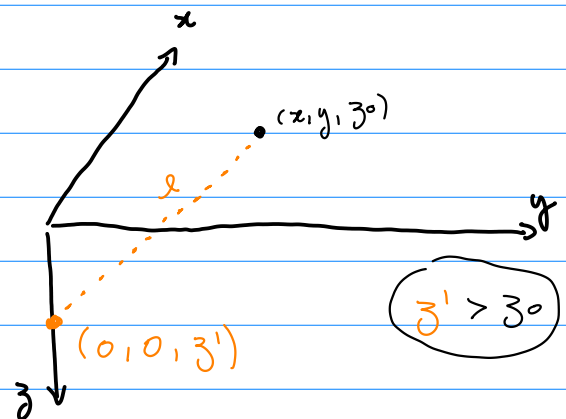
$$F[f(x-x', y-y')] = F[f(x, y)] e^{-i(k_x x' + k_y y')}$$

Consider the inverse distance function  $\frac{1}{r}$  between a point  $(0, 0, z')$  and a point  $(x, y, z_0)$  on the plane  $z = z_0$ .

$$r = \left[ (x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 + (z_0-z')^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$F\left[\frac{1}{r}\right] = 2\pi \frac{e^{|k|(z_0-z')}}{|k|} \begin{cases} z_0 < z' \\ |k| \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$|k| = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}$$



Important property:  $F\left[\partial_z \frac{1}{r}\right] = \partial_z F\left[\frac{1}{r}\right]$

with respect to  $x, y$  vertical derivative of gravitational potential or  
vertical component of the gravitational attraction

Exercise: Show that the Fourier transform of the  $gz$  produced on the horizontal plane  $z = z_0$  by a point mass located at  $(x', y', z')$ ,  $z' > z_0$ , is given by:

$$F\left[Gm \partial_z \frac{1}{r}\right] = Gm 2\pi e^{iK(z_0 - z')} e^{-i(K_x x' + K_y y')}$$

with respect to  $x, y$

Exercise: Show that the Fourier transform of the approximated total-field anomaly produced on the horizontal plane  $z = z_0$  by a dipole located at  $(x', y', z')$ ,  $z' > z_0$ , is given by:

$$F\left[Gm h \hat{\mathbf{F}}_0^T \nabla^2 \frac{1}{r} \hat{\mathbf{h}}\right] = Gm h 2\pi \phi_h \phi_F |K| e^{iK(z_0 - z')}$$

$$\phi_h = \hat{h}_z + i \frac{\hat{h}_x K_x + \hat{h}_y K_y}{|K|}$$

$$\phi_F = \hat{F}_z + i \frac{\hat{F}_x K_x + \hat{F}_y K_y}{|K|}$$

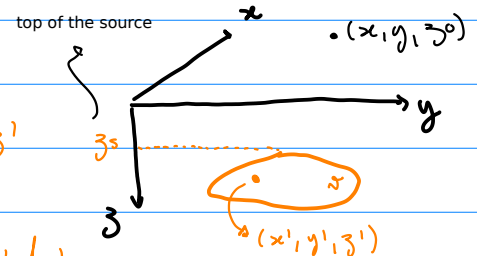
## General 3D sources

gravity disturbance

$$\begin{aligned} \delta g(x, y, z_0) &= G \iiint_V \rho(x', y', z') \partial_z \frac{1}{r} dx' dy' dz' \\ &= G \int_{z_0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(x', y', z') \partial_z \frac{1}{r} dx' dy' dz' \end{aligned}$$

density zero outside the source(s)

$$r = [(x - x')^2 + (y - y')^2 + (z_0 - z')^2]^{1/2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} F[\delta g] &= G \int_{z_0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(x', y', z') F\left[\partial_z \frac{1}{r}\right] dx' dy' dz' \\ &= G \int_{z_0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(x', y', z') F\left[\partial_z \frac{1}{r}\right] e^{-i(K_x x' + K_y y')} dx' dy' dz' \\ &= G \int_{z_0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(x', y', z') \partial_z F\left[\frac{1}{r}\right] e^{-i(K_x x' + K_y y')} dx' dy' dz' \\ &= G \int_{z_0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(x', y', z') 2\pi e^{iK(z_0 - z')} e^{-i(K_x x' + K_y y')} dx' dy' dz' \end{aligned}$$

$$F[\delta_g] = 2\pi e^{iKz_0} \int_{z_0}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x', y', z') e^{-i(K_x x' + K_y y')} dx' dy' \right]$$

$$= 2\pi e^{iKz_0} \int_{z_0}^{\infty} \underbrace{F[p(x', y', z')]}_{\text{Fourier transform of a depth slice located at } z'} e^{-iKz'} dz'$$

Exercise: By following a similar approach, show that the Fourier transform of the approximated total-field anomaly produced on the plane  $z_0$  by a 3D source with constant magnetization direction is given by:

$$F[\Delta T] = 2\pi e^{iKz_0} \phi_h \phi_F c_m \int_{z_0}^{\infty} F[h(x', y', z')] e^{-iKz'} dz'$$

$$\phi_h = \hat{h}_z + i \frac{\hat{h}_x K_x + \hat{h}_y K_y}{|K|}$$

$$\phi_F = \hat{F}_z + i \frac{\hat{F}_x K_x + \hat{F}_y K_y}{|K|}$$

## Upward/downward continuation

arbitrary harmonic function  $\int^{\rightarrow}$  constant plane  $\int^{\rightarrow}$  potential-field data

$$U(x, y, z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(x', y', z_c) \partial_z \frac{1}{r} dx' dy'$$

$$\begin{aligned} F[U(x, y, z_0)] &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(x', y', z_c) F\left[\partial_z \frac{1}{r}\right] dx' dy' \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(x', y', z_c) 2\pi e^{iK(z_0 - z_c)} e^{-i(K_x x' + K_y y')} dx' dy' \end{aligned}$$

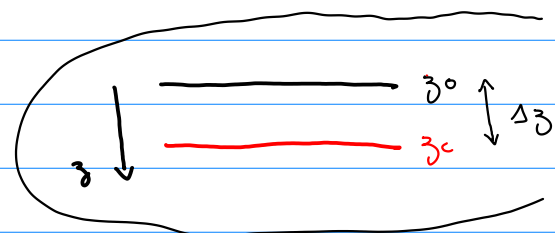
upward continuation

$$F[U(x, y, z_0)] = e^{-iK\Delta z} F[U(x', y', z_c)]$$

$$\Delta z = z_c - z_0$$

downward continuation

$$F[U(x', y', z_c)] = e^{iK\Delta z} F[U(x, y, z_0)]$$



## Reduction to the pole

$$F[\Delta \tilde{T}] = 2\pi e^{iK'z_0} \phi_h \phi_F \text{cm} \int_{z_0}^{\infty} F[h(x', y', z')] e^{-iK'z'} dz'$$

$$\phi_h = \hat{h}_z + i \frac{\hat{h}_x k_x + \hat{h}_y k_y}{|K|}$$

$$\hat{h} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{h}_x \\ \hat{h}_y \\ \hat{h}_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos I \cos D \\ \cos I \sin D \\ \sin I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\phi_F = \hat{F}_z + i \frac{\hat{F}_x k_x + \hat{F}_y k_y}{|K|}$$

$$\hat{F}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{F}_x \\ \hat{F}_y \\ \hat{F}_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos I_0 \cos D_0 \\ \cos I_0 \sin D_0 \\ \sin I_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F[\Delta \tilde{T}_{\text{RTP}}] = \frac{1}{\phi_h \phi_F} F[\Delta \tilde{T}]$$

We conveniently define the functions  $\phi_h$  and  $\phi_F$  in polar coordinates by using the relations

$$k_x = |K| \cos \theta$$

$$k_y = |K| \sin \theta$$

Then, we obtain:

$$\frac{1}{\phi_h \phi_F} = \frac{1}{[i \cos I_0 \cos(D_0 - \theta) + \sin I_0][i \cos I \cos(D - \theta) + \sin I]}$$

For  $I_0 \approx 0$  (equator)  $\longrightarrow$  fictitious trend along  $D_0$  in space domain  
 "  $I \approx 0$   $\longrightarrow$  " " " " " "

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