

The University of Texas at Austin  
Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Midterm #1 *Solution 2.0*

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Course: EE 313 Evans

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- This in-person exam is scheduled to last 75 minutes.
- Open books, open notes, and open class materials, including homework assignments and solution sets and previous midterm exams and solutions.
- Calculators are allowed.
- You may use any standalone computer system, i.e. one that is not connected to a network.
- ***Please disable all wireless connections on your calculator(s) and computer system(s).***
- Please mute all computer systems.
- Please turn off all phones.
- No headphones are allowed.
- All work should be performed on the midterm exam. If more space is needed, then use the backs of the pages.
- **Fully justify your answers.** If you decide to quote text from a source, please give the quote, page number and source citation.

<i>Problem</i>	<i>Point Value</i>	<i>Your score</i>	<i>Topic</i>
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4	24		Spectrograms
<i>Total</i>	100		

**Problem 1.1 Sampling Sinusoids.** 25 points.

Consider the sinusoidal signal  $x(t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$  for continuous-time frequency  $f_0$  in Hz.

We are able to observe  $x(t)$  for all time, i.e. for  $-\infty < t < \infty$ .

We sample  $x(t)$  at a sampling rate of  $f_s$  in Hz to produce a discrete-time signal  $x[n]$ .

(a) Derive the formula for  $x[n]$  by sampling  $x(t)$  at a sampling rate of  $f_s$  in Hz. 6 points.

$$x[n] = x(t)|_{t=nT_s} = \cos(2\pi f_0(nT_s)) = \cos(2\pi f_0 T_s n) = \cos\left(2\pi \frac{f_0}{f_s} n\right)$$

$$x[n] = \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n)$$

(b) Based on your answer in part (a), give a formula for the discrete-time frequency  $\hat{\omega}_0$  of  $x[n]$  in terms of the continuous-time frequency  $f_0$  and sampling rate  $f_s$ . Units of  $\hat{\omega}_0$  are in rad/sample. 6 points.

$$\hat{\omega}_0 = 2\pi \frac{f_0}{f_s}$$

(c) We choose the sampling rate  $f_s$  to satisfy the Sampling Theorem, i.e.  $f_s > 2 f_0$ .

i. Give the range of continuous-time frequencies in Hz that can be correctly captured by sampling. Be sure to include negative, positive and zero frequencies. Justify your reasoning. 6 points.

**Sampling Theorem says if  $x(t)$  is sampled using a sampling rate  $f_s > 2 f_0$  where  $f_0$  is the maximum frequency in  $x(t)$ , then we can reconstruct  $x(t)$  from its samples.**

**With  $f_s > 2 f_0$ , we can divide both sides by 2 and obtain**

$$f_0 < \frac{1}{2} f_s$$

**For every positive frequency component  $f_0$  in  $x(t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$ , we have a  $-f_0$  component because we can write cosine as a sum of two phasors (complex sinusoids):**

$$\cos(2\pi f_0 t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j2\pi f_0 t}$$

**The range of continuous-time frequencies in Hz that can be correctly captured by sampling is**

$$-\frac{1}{2} f_s < f < \frac{1}{2} f_s$$

ii. Give the range of discrete-time frequencies that are represented when the Sampling Theorem is satisfied, i.e.  $f_s > 2 f_0$ . Be sure to include negative, positive and zero frequencies. Justify your reasoning. 7 points

**Using the result from (b),  $\hat{\omega}_0 = 2\pi \frac{f_0}{f_s}$ , we let  $f_0 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} f_s$  to obtain  $\hat{\omega}_0 = -\pi$  and  $f_0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} f_s$  to obtain  $\hat{\omega}_0 = \pi$ . So, the range is  $-\pi < \hat{\omega}_0 < \pi$ .**

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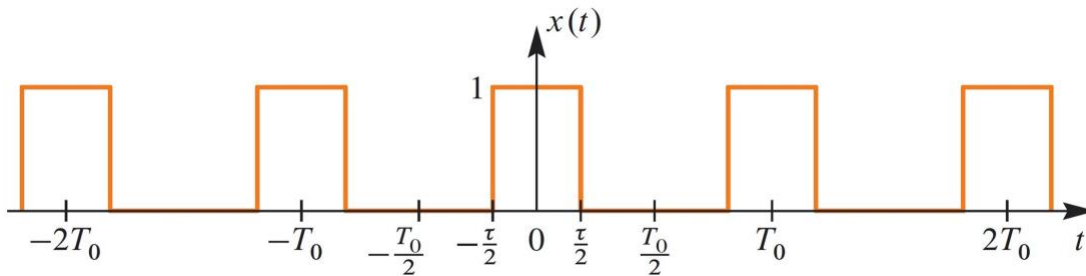
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Note: In order for the discrete-time frequency domain to be periodic with period  $2\pi$ , either  $-\pi$  or  $\pi$  would need to be included in the interval (but not both). Several students had this more correct answer, but full marks were also given for  $-\pi < \hat{\omega}_0 < \pi$ .

**Problem 1.2** *Fourier Series.* 25 points.

Compute the Fourier series for a periodic pulse wave

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq |t| < \frac{\tau}{2} \\ 0 & \text{for } \frac{\tau}{2} \leq |t| < \frac{T_0}{2} \end{cases}$$

The fraction of the time the pulse is “on” (i.e. has value 1) in each fundamental period  $T_0$  is  $\frac{\tau}{T_0}$ .(a) Compute Fourier series coefficients  $a_k$  of  $x(t)$  to represent  $x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}$ i. Compute  $a_0$ . 6 points.  $a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) dt$  $a_0$  is the average value of  $x(t)$  which is the area of  $x(t)$  over one fundamental period (which is the base times height of the rectangle =  $\tau$ ) divided by  $T_0$  :

$$a_0 = \frac{\tau}{T_0}$$

ii. Compute  $a_k$  for  $k \neq 0$ . 12 points.  $a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} x(t) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt$ 

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{-\tau/2} (0) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt + \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} (1) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt + \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{\tau/2}^{T_0/2} (0) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt = - \left. \frac{e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t}}{j2\pi k f_0 T_0} \right|_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} = \frac{e^{-j2\pi k f_0 (\tau/2)} - e^{-j2\pi k f_0 (-\tau/2)}}{j2\pi k} = \frac{\text{sinc function}}{\pi k} \frac{\sin(\pi k \tau / T_0)}{\pi k}$$

(b) Compute Fourier series coefficients  $b_k$  of  $y(t) = 2x(t) - 2\frac{\tau}{T_0}$  to represent  $y(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} b_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}$ i. Compute  $b_0$ . 3 points.  $b_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} y(t) dt$ 

$$b_0 = 0$$

$$b_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} \left( 2x(t) - 2\frac{\tau}{T_0} \right) dt = 2 \left( \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) dt \right) - \left( 2\frac{\tau}{T_0} \right) \left( \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} dt \right) = 2a_0 - 2\frac{\tau}{T_0} = 0$$

ii. Compute  $b_k$  for  $k \neq 0$ . 4 points.  $b_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} y(t) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt$ 

$$b_k = 2a_k$$

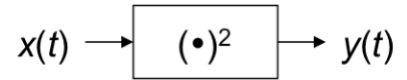
$$b_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} \left( 2x(t) - 2\frac{\tau}{T_0} \right) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt = 2 \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt \right)}_{a_k} - 2\frac{\tau}{T_0} \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt \right)}_0$$

$$\frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} dt = - \left. \frac{e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t}}{j2\pi k f_0 T_0} \right|_0^{T_0} = \frac{e^{-j2\pi k f_0 T_0} - e^{-j2\pi k f_0 (0)}}{j2\pi k} = \frac{e^{-j2\pi k} - 1}{j2\pi k} = 0$$



**Problem 1.3. Sampling.** 26 points.(a) Let  $x(t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$  be a continuous-time signal for  $-\infty < t < \infty$ .

- i. From the block diagram below, derive a formula for  $y(t)$  and write it as a sum of cosines. 6 points.



$x(t)$  has frequencies  $-f_0$  and  $+f_0$  because  $x(t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j2\pi f_0 t}$

$$y(t) = x^2(t) = \cos^2(2\pi f_0 t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\pi(2f_0)t)$$

- ii. Let  $f_0 = 3000$  Hz. What negative, zero, and positive frequencies are present in  $y(t)$ ? 6 points

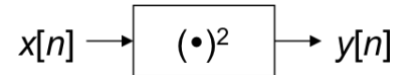
$y(t)$  has continuous-time frequencies of  $-2f_0$ ,  $0$ , and  $+2f_0$ . Here,  $f_{\max} = 2f_0$ .

For  $f_0 = 3000$  Hz,  $y(t)$  has frequencies  $-6000$  Hz,  $0$  Hz, and  $6000$  Hz.

Here,  $f_{\max} = 6000$  Hz.

(b) Let  $x(t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$  be a continuous-time signal for  $-\infty < t < \infty$ .

- i. From the block diagram below, derive a formula for  $y[n]$  and write it as a sum of cosines. 6 points



Due to sampling at sampling rate  $f_s$  where  $f_s = \frac{1}{T_s}$  and  $T_s$  is the sampling time,

$$x[n] = x(t)|_{t=nT_s} = \cos(2\pi f_0(nT_s)) = \cos\left(2\pi f_0\left(\frac{n}{f_s}\right)\right) = \cos\left(\left(2\pi \frac{f_0}{f_s}\right)n\right)$$

The discrete-time frequency is  $\hat{\omega}_0 = 2\pi \frac{f_0}{f_s}$  in rad/sample.

$x[n]$  has frequencies  $-\hat{\omega}_0$  and  $+\hat{\omega}_0$  because  $x[n] = \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-j\hat{\omega}_0 n} + \frac{1}{2} e^{j\hat{\omega}_0 n}$

$$y[n] = x^2[n] = \cos^2(\hat{\omega}_0 n) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\hat{\omega}_0 n)$$

- ii. Let  $f_0 = 3000$  Hz and  $f_s = 8000$  Hz. What negative, zero and positive discrete-time frequencies are present in  $y[n]$  between  $-\pi$  rad/sample and  $\pi$  rad/sample? What are their corresponding continuous-time frequencies? 8 points.

Aliasing will occur because the maximum frequency in  $y(t)$  is  $6000$  Hz and the sampling rate  $f_s$  does not satisfy  $f_s > 2f_{\max}$ .

For  $x[n] = \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n)$ ,  $\hat{\omega}_0 = 2\pi \frac{f_0}{f_s} = 2\pi \frac{3000 \text{ Hz}}{8000 \text{ Hz}} = 2\pi \frac{3}{8}$  rad/sample

For  $y[n] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\hat{\omega}_0 n)$  and

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$$\cos(2\hat{\omega}_0 n) = \cos\left(2\left(2\pi \frac{3}{8}\right)n\right) = \cos\left(2\pi \frac{6}{8}n\right) = \cos\left(2\pi \frac{6}{8}n - 2\pi n\right) = \cos\left(-2\pi \frac{2}{8}n\right)$$

Due to aliasing,  $y[n]$  has discrete-time frequencies of  $-2\pi \frac{2}{8}$ ,  $0$ , and  $2\pi \frac{2}{8}$  rad/sample

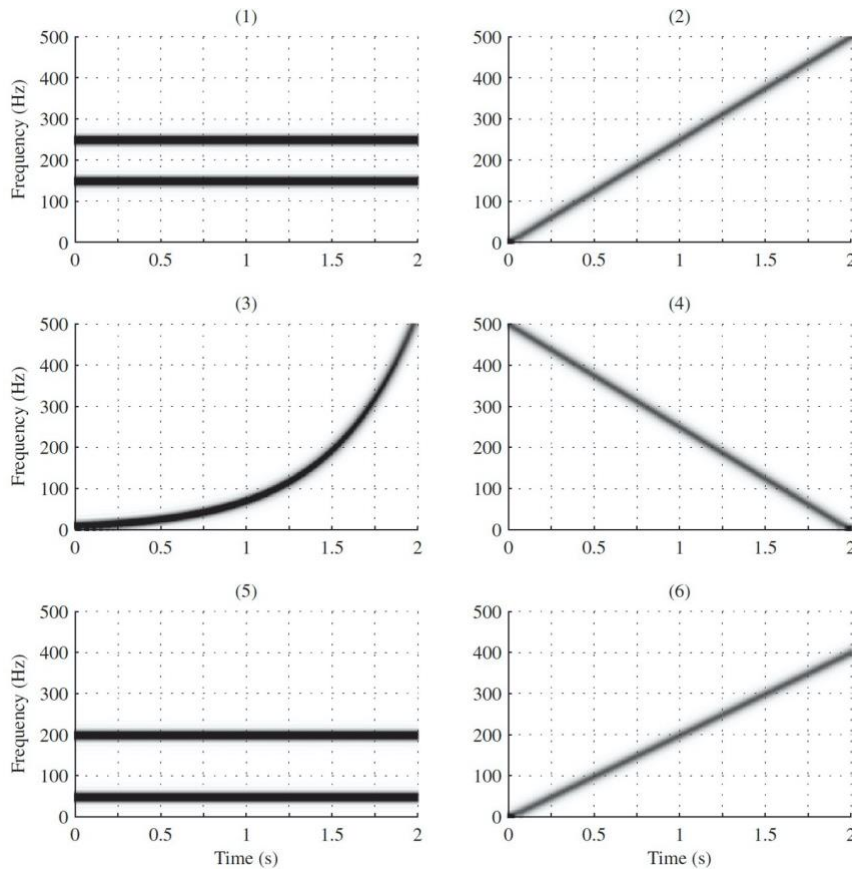
With  $\hat{\omega}_1 = 2\pi f_1/f_s$  and hence  $f_1 = (\hat{\omega}_1/(2\pi)) f_s$ , the corresponding continuous-time frequencies are  $-2000$  Hz,  $0$  Hz, and  $2000$  Hz.

**Problem 1.4. Spectrograms.** 24 points.

Below are spectrograms (labeled with numbers 1-6) for six signals over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 2s$ .

The vertical frequency axis for each spectrogram shows non-negative frequencies in units of Hz.

For each signal (a)-(f), identify the corresponding spectrogram and explain your reasoning.



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The spectrogram plots the magnitude of the frequency components vs. time in a signal. Phase is ignored.

The frequency components are related to the instantaneous frequencies in the signal, i.e., the frequency at a particular time. For  $x(t) = \cos(\theta(t))$ , the instantaneous frequency is  $\frac{d\theta(t)}{dt}$  in rad/s.

The spectrograms on the right only show the positive frequency content; the negative frequencies would be a mirror image of positive frequencies.

(a)  $x(t) = \cos(-250\pi t^2)$ . Instantaneous frequency is  $\frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(-250\pi t^2) = -500\pi t$  rad/s which is a line from 0 Hz to -500 Hz for  $0 \leq t \leq 2s$ . Every negative frequency has a positive frequency, which would be a line from 0 Hz to 500 Hz. This is spectrogram (2).

(b)  $x(t) = \cos\left(100\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \cos(400\pi t)$ . Sum of 50 and 200 Hz components. Spectrogram (5).

(c)  $x(t) = \cos(1000\pi t - 250\pi t^2)$ .  $\frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(1000\pi t - 250\pi t^2) = 1000\pi - 500\pi t$  rad/s which is a line from 500 Hz to 0 Hz for  $0 \leq t \leq 2s$ . This is spectrogram (4).

(d)  $x(t) = \cos(100\pi t) \cos(400\pi t)$ . Beat frequencies. Signal has sum and difference of 50 Hz and 200 Hz, i.e. 150 Hz and 250 Hz. This is spectrogram (1).

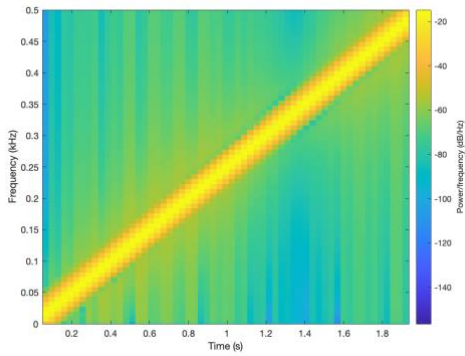
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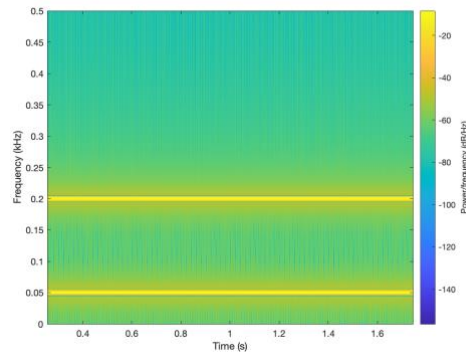
(e)  $x(t) = \cos(30e^{2t})$ . Instantaneous frequency is  $\frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(30e^{2t}) = 60e^{2t}$  rad/s which is an increasing exponential from 0 Hz to  $60e^4$  rad/s (about 521 Hz). This is spectrogram (3).

(f) Instantaneous frequency is  $\frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(200\pi t^2) = 400\pi t$  rad/s which is a line from 0 Hz to 400 Hz for  $0 \leq t \leq 2s$ . This is spectrogram (6).

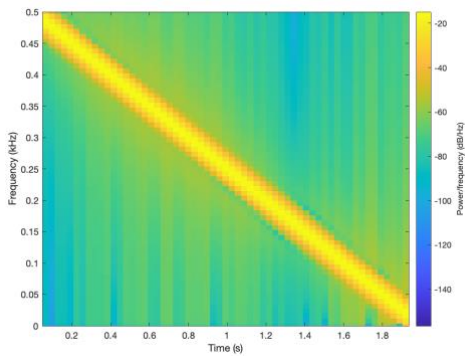
Generating spectrograms for signals in problem 1.4 (Matlab code on next page)



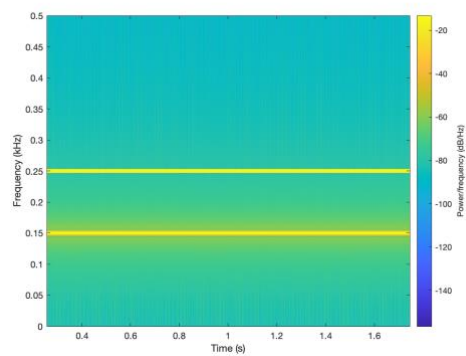
(a)  $x(t) = \cos(-250\pi t^2)$



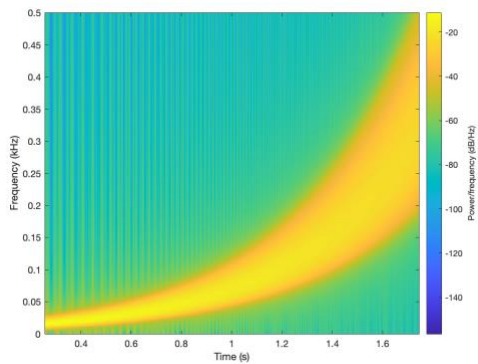
(b)  $x(t) = \cos\left(100\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \cos(400\pi t)$



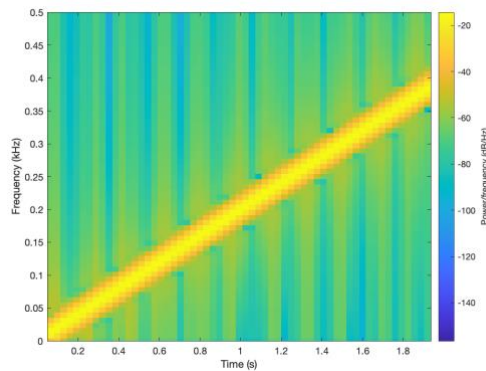
(c)  $x(t) = \cos(1000\pi t - 250\pi t^2)$



(d)  $x(t) = \cos(100\pi t) \cos(400\pi t)$



(e)  $x(t) = \cos(30e^{2t})$



(f)  $x(t) = \cos(200\pi t^2)$

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%%% Matlab code to generate spectrograms
fs = 2000;
Ts = 1/fs;
t = 0 : Ts : 2;

%%% Spectrogram parameters
blockSize = 1024;
overlap = blockSize - 1;
chirpBlockSize = 256;
chirpOverlap = round(3*chirpBlockSize/4);

%%% (a)
xa = cos(-250*pi*t.^2);
figure;
spectrogram(xa, hamming(chirpBlockSize), chirpOverlap, chirpBlockSize, fs, 'yaxis');
ylim( [0 0.5] );

%%% (b)
xb = cos(100*pi*t - pi/4) + cos(400*pi*t);
figure;
spectrogram(xb, hamming(blockSize), overlap, blockSize, fs, 'yaxis');
ylim( [0 0.5] );

%%% (c)
xc = cos(1000*pi*t - 250*pi*t.^2);
figure;
spectrogram(xc, hamming(chirpBlockSize), chirpOverlap, chirpBlockSize, fs, 'yaxis');
ylim( [0 0.5] );

%%% (d)
xd = cos(100*pi*t) .* cos(400*pi*t);
figure;
spectrogram(xd, hamming(blockSize), overlap, blockSize, fs, 'yaxis');
ylim( [0 0.5] );

%%% (e)
xe = cos(30*exp(2*t));
figure;
spectrogram(xe, hamming(blockSize), overlap, blockSize, fs, 'yaxis');
ylim( [0 0.5] );

%%% (f)
xf = cos(200*pi*t.^2);
figure;
spectrogram(xf, hamming(chirpBlockSize), chirpOverlap, chirpBlockSize, fs, 'yaxis');
ylim( [0 0.5] );

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