

Amplitude and Phase Factorization of Signals via Blaschke Product and Its Applications

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We can gain a deeper insight by viewing this as **the boundary value** of an **analytic function** $F(z)$ where

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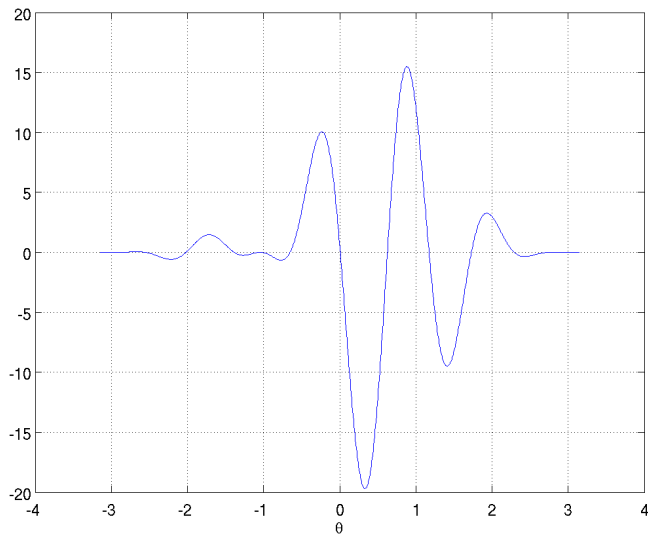
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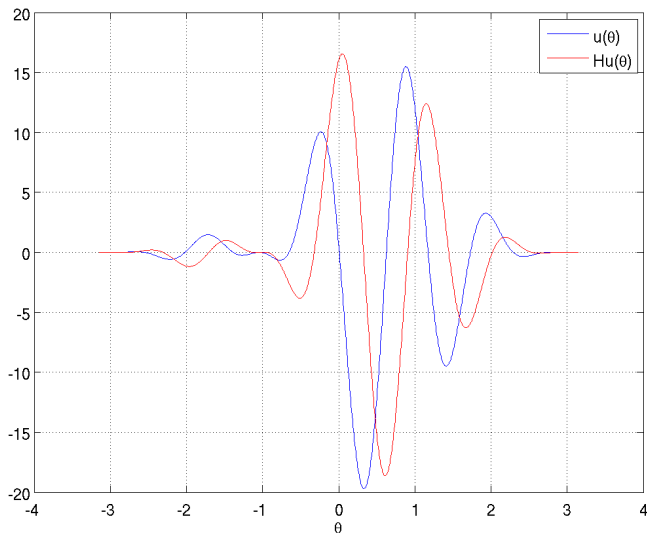
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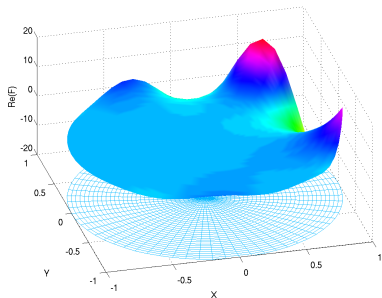
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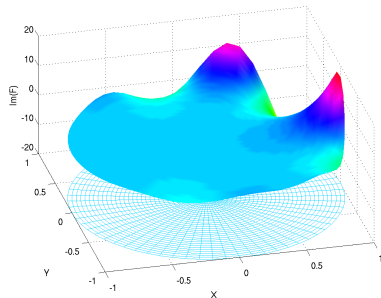
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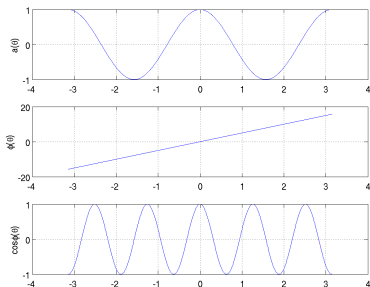


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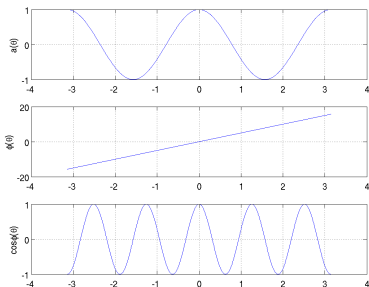


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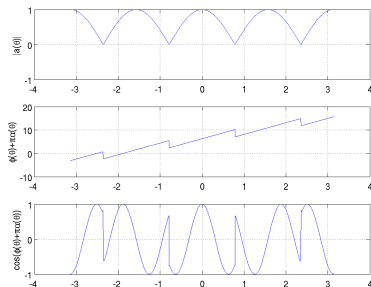
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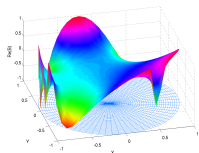
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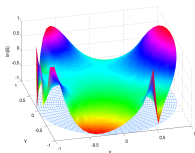
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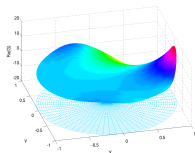
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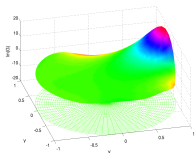
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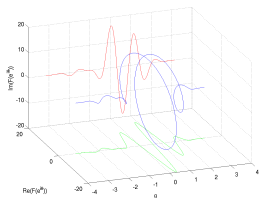


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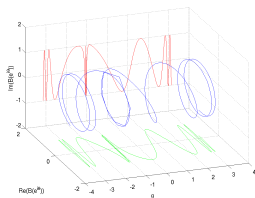


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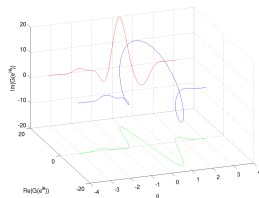
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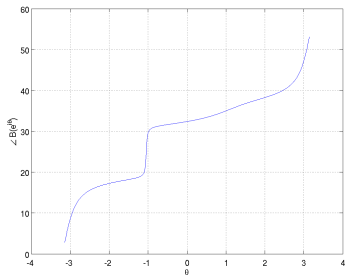


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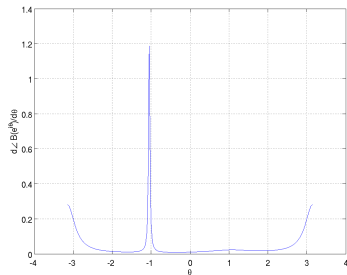


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Theorem (Herglotz (1911), F. Riesz (1922); see also Hoffman (1962), Koosis (1998), Garnett (2007))

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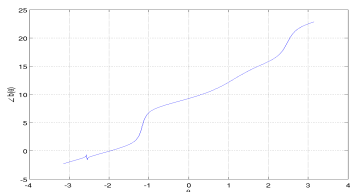
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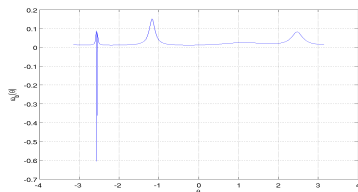
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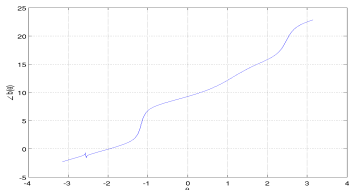
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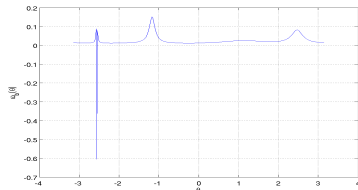
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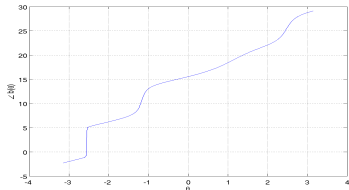
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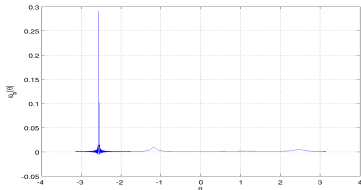
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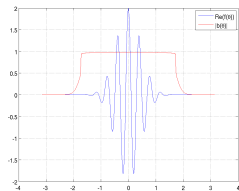
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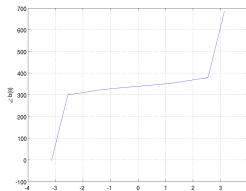
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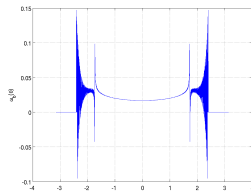
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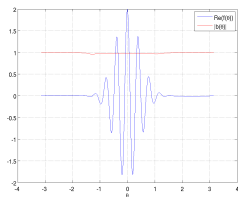
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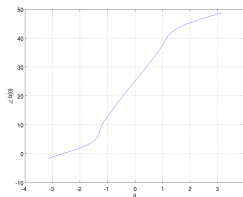
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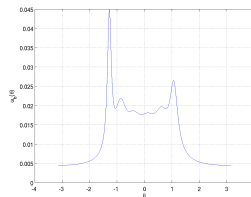
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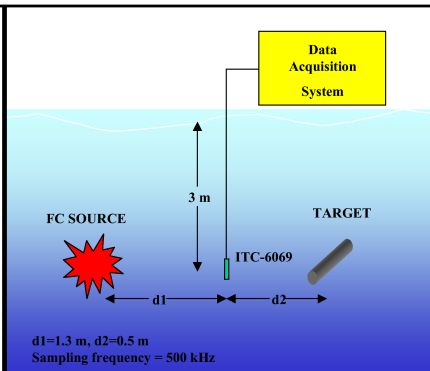
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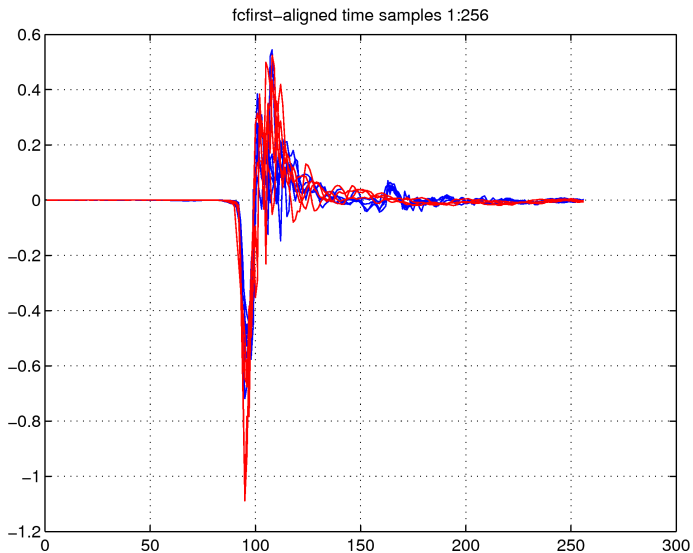
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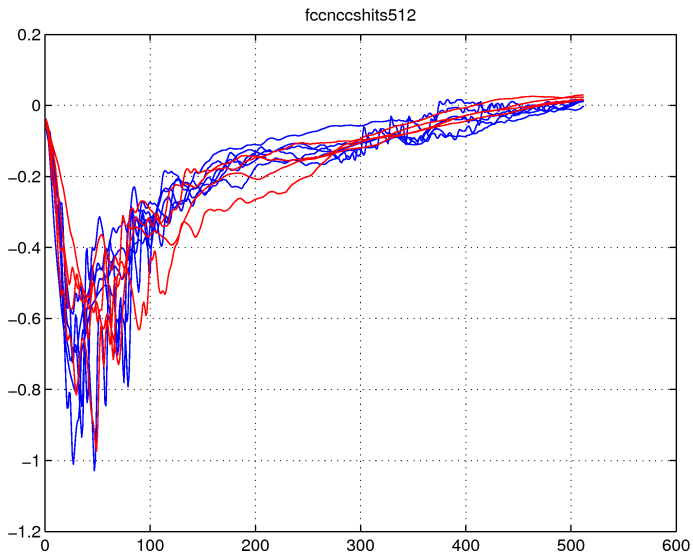


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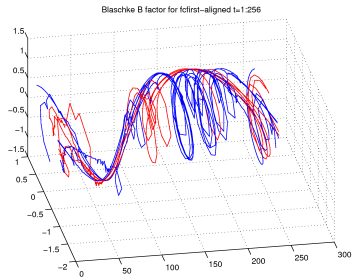
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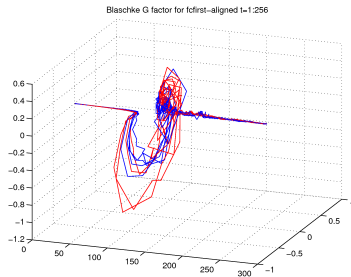
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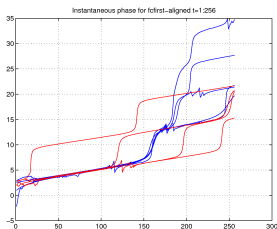
Results of Factorization: 100 kHz Sampling



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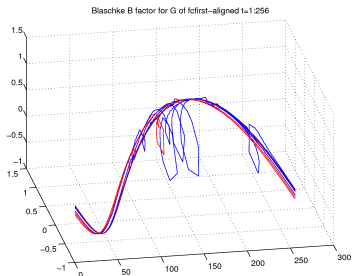


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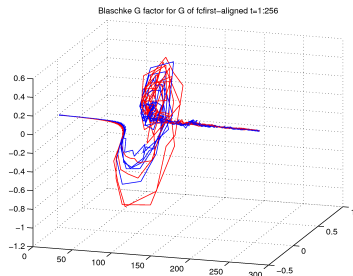


(c) ϕ_0

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(d) B_1

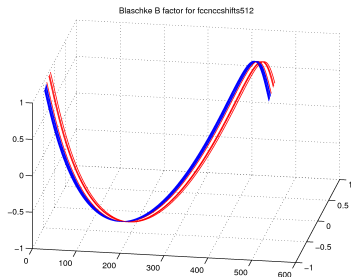


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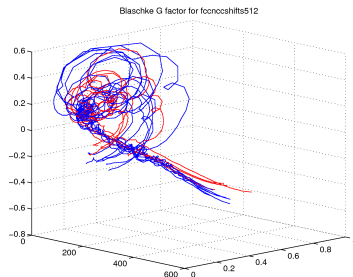


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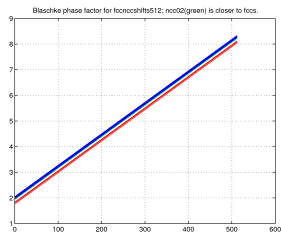
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