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Homework Set No. 7

Problems from “Theory of Microwave Remote Sensing,” by L. Tsang, A. J. Kong, and R.T. Shin. Problems 5.18 and 5.19, pages 419-422.

5.18

Assume a mixture of two constituents. One constituent is background medium with permittivity ϵ_b and fractional volume f_b . The other constituent is scatterer with permittivity ϵ_s and fractional volume f_s . The scatterers are assumed to be spherical with a radius a . We have $f_b + f_s = 1$. Next use simple physical arguments to construct correlation functions $\xi(\bar{r})$ for the mixture. First look at the one-dimensional problem. Consider pulses of height ξ_s and width ι (which corresponds with to $2a$ in the three dimensional case) distributed on a line. For the rest of the line, the amplitude is ξ_b (Figure 1a). The problem is to determine the correlation function. To simplify the problem, the line is partitioned into segments of length ι , with the amplitude in each partition assuming either the value ξ_s or ξ_b (Figure 2b).

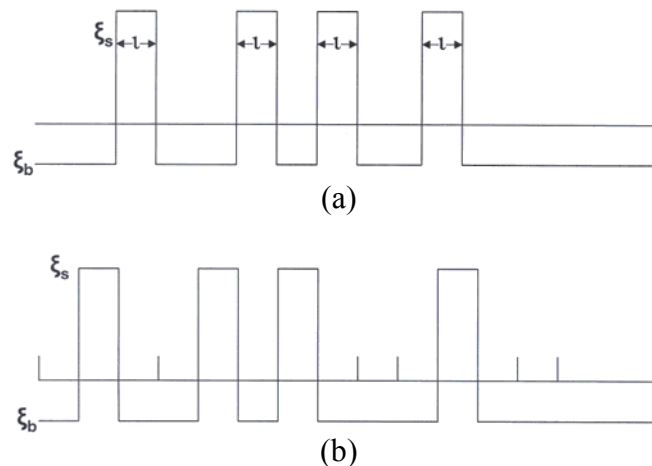


Fig. 1 (a): One-dimensional random process of $\xi(r)$ consisting of Pulses of width ι and height ξ_s .

Fig. 2 (b): Same as (a) except the line is partitioned into segments of length ι .

Let $\xi(\mathbf{k})$ be the value of amplitude of partition \mathbf{k} . Then, $\Pr(\xi(\mathbf{k}) = \xi_s) = f_s$, $\Pr(\xi(\mathbf{k}) = \xi_b) = f_b$ and $\langle \xi(\mathbf{k}) \rangle = f_s \xi_s + f_b \xi_b = 0$. To calculate the correlation function, verify that:

$$\langle \xi(\mathbf{k}) \xi(\mathbf{k} + m) \rangle = f_s \xi_s^2 + f_b \xi_b^2 \quad \text{for } m = 0$$

For $m \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \xi(\mathbf{k}) \xi(\mathbf{k} + m) \rangle &= \Pr[\xi(\mathbf{k}) = \xi_s, \xi(\mathbf{k} + m) = \xi_s] \xi_s^2 \\ &+ \Pr[\xi(\mathbf{k}) = \xi_s, \xi(\mathbf{k} + m) = \xi_b] \xi_s \xi_b \\ &+ \Pr[\xi(\mathbf{k}) = \xi_b, \xi(\mathbf{k} + m) = \xi_s] \xi_b \xi_s \\ &+ \Pr[\xi(\mathbf{k}) = \xi_b, \xi(\mathbf{k} + m) = \xi_b] \xi_b^2 \\ &= f_s^2 \xi_s^2 + 2f_b f_s \xi_s \xi_b + f_b^2 \xi_b^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using the results from the 3-D continuum case, show :

$$C_\xi(r) = \begin{cases} \langle \xi^2 \rangle & 0 < r \leq a \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Where } C_\xi(|\bar{r}_1 - \bar{r}_2|) = \langle \xi(\bar{r}_1) \xi(\bar{r}_2) \rangle$$

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Dyson's equation for the mean scalar Green's function was derived in the text form:

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla^2 + \kappa_m^2) \langle G(\bar{r}, \bar{r}_0) \rangle + \int d^3 r_1 Q(\bar{r}, \bar{r}_1) \langle G(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_0) \rangle \\ = -\delta(\bar{r} - \bar{r}_0) \end{aligned}$$

where the mass operator, $Q(\bar{r}, \bar{r}_1)$ is defined as the sum of all strongly connected diagrams.

1. Show that the mass operator is translationally invariant. In other words show that $Q(\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2) = Q(\bar{r}_1 - \bar{r}_2)$.
2. Taking the source point at the origin (i.e. $\bar{r}_0 = 0$), show that the solution to the above Dyson's equation may be written as:

$$\langle G(\vec{r}) \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\kappa \frac{e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}}{\kappa^2 - \kappa_m^2 - \int d^3R Q(\vec{R}) e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{R}}}$$

3. In the bilocal approximation, the mass operator is approximated as:

$$Q(R) \approx C(\vec{R}) \frac{e^{ik_m R}}{4\pi R}$$

Taking the correlation function to be $C(R) = \delta\kappa_m'^4 \exp(-R/a)$ show that in the limit $\kappa_m a \ll 1$, the mean Green's function obtained in part (b) is a spherical wave, with an effective propagation constant given by:

$$K^2 = k_m^2 + \frac{\delta\kappa_m'^4 a^2}{(1 - ik_m a)^2}$$

which is similar to the result obtained in the text using the Taylor expansion method.