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`ApertureWeightingFunctionsAntenna` *Antenna Characteristics for Aperture Weighting Functions*

Description

`ApertureWeightingFunctionsAntenna` has Antenna Characteristics for Aperture Weighting Functions

Usage

```
ApertureWeightingFunctionsAntenna
```

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References

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Examples

```
data(ApertureWeightingFunctionsAntenna)
str(ApertureWeightingFunctionsAntenna)
```

`AttenuationAbsCoeff` *Absorption coefficient of a spherical particle*

Description

`AttenuationAbsCoeff` Absorption coefficient of a spherical particle. From Doviak and Zrnic (1993), Eqn 3.14a or Battan (1973), Eqn 6.6

Usage

```
AttenuationAbsCoeff(D, lam, m)
```

Arguments

`D`	Particle diameter (m)
`lam`	Radar wavelength (m)
`m`	Complex refractive index (unitless)

Value

`Qa`	Absorption coefficient [unitless]

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`AttenuationExtCoeff` *Extinction coefficient of a spherical particle*

Description

`AttenuationExtCoeff` Extinction coefficient of a spherical particle. From Doviak and Zrnic (1993), Eqn 3.14a or Battan (1973), Eqn 6.5

Usage

```
AttenuationExtCoeff(D, lam, m)
```

Arguments

`D`	Particle diameter (m)
`lam`	Radar wavelength (m)
`m`	Complex refractive index (unitless)

Value

`Qe`	Extinction coefficient [unitless]

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`AttenuationScatCoeff` *Scattering coefficient of a spherical particle*

Description

`AttenuationScatCoeff` Scattering coefficient of a spherical particle. From Doviak and Zrnic (1993), Eqn 3.14a or Battan (1973), Eqn 6.5

Usage

```
AttenuationScatCoeff(D, lam, m)
```

Arguments

`D`	Particle diameter (m)
`lam`	Radar wavelength (m)
`m`	Complex refractive index (unitless)

Value

`Qs`	Scattering coefficient [unitless]

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ConversionDBZ2Z *Conversion from dBZ (log) units to linear Z units*

Description

ConversiondBZ2Z Converts from dBZ (log) units to linear Z units

Usage

```
ConversiondBZ2Z(dBZ)
```

Arguments

dBZ	logarithmic reflectivity value

Value

Z	linear reflectivity units

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ConversionZ2dBZ *Conversion from linear Z units to dBZ (log) units*

Description

ConversionZ2dBZ Converts from linear Z units to dBZ (log) units

Usage

```
ConversionZ2dBZ(Zlin)
```

Arguments

Zlin	linear reflectivity units

Value

`dBZ` logarithmic reflectivity value

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`DopplerDilemma` *Doppler dilemma*

Description

`DopplerDilemma` returns the Doppler dilemma From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 6.12

Usage

```
DopplerDilemma(inFloat, lam, speedOfLight)
```

Arguments

`inFloat`	Nyquist Velocity [m/s] or Maximum unambiguous range [m]
`lam`	Radar wavelength [m]
`speedOfLight`	speed of light

Value

`Rmax` Maximum unambiguous range [m]

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`DopplerFmax` *Maximum frequency given PRF*

Description

`DopplerFmax` returns the PRF for a maximum frequency From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 6.8

Usage

```
DopplerFmax(PRF)
```

Arguments

`PRF`	Pulse repetition frequency [Hz]

Value

`f`	Maximum frequency [Hz]

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DopplerFreq — *Frequency given wavelength*

Description

DopplerFreq Converts from wavelength to frequency

Usage

```
DopplerFreq(lam, speedOfLight)
```

Arguments

lam	Wavelength [m]
speedOfLight	speed of light

Value

f	Frequency [Hz]

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DopplerPulseDuration — *Pulse duration from pulse length*

Description

DopplerPulseDuration Converts from pulse length to pulse duration

Usage

```
DopplerPulseDuration(tau, speedOfLight)
```

Arguments

`tau`	Pulse length [m]
`speedOfLight`	speed of light

Value

`pDur`	Pulse duration [s]

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`DopplerPulseLength` *Pulse length from pulse duration*

Description

`DopplerPulseLength` Converts from pulse duration to pulse length

Usage

```
DopplerPulseLength(pDur, speedOfLight)
```

Arguments

`pDur`	Pulse duration [s]
`speedOfLight`	speed of light

Value

`tau`	Pulse length [m]

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`DopplerRmax` *Maximum unamiguous range*

Description

`DopplerRmax` returns the maximum unamiguous range From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 6.11

Usage

```
DopplerRmax(PRF, speedOfLight)
```

Arguments

`PRF`	Pulse repetition frequency [Hz]
`speedOfLight`	speed of light

Value

`Rmax`	Maximum unambiguous range [m]

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DopplerVmax *Nyquist velocity, or maximum unambiguous Doppler velocity (+ or -)*

Description

DopplerVmax returns the Nyquist velocity, or maximum unambiguous Doppler velocity (+ or -). From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 6.8

Usage

```
DopplerVmax(PRF, lam)
```

Arguments

PRF	Pulse repetition frequency [Hz]
lam	Radar wavelength [m]

Value

Vmax	Nyquist velocity [m/s], +/-

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DopplerVmaxDual *Doppler velocity from dual PRF scheme radar (+ or -)*

Description

DopplerVmaxDual returns Doppler velocity [m/s] from a mobile platform. From Jorgensen (1983), Eqn 2

Usage

```
DopplerVmaxDual(lam, PRF1, PRF2)
```

Arguments

lam	Radar wavelength [m]
PRF1	First Pulse repetition frequency [Hz]
PRF2	Second Pulse repetition frequency [Hz]

Value

Vmax	Doppler velocity [m/s]

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Jorgensen, D., Hildebrand, P.H., and Frush, C., 1983 Feasibility test of an airborne pulse-Doppler meteorological Radar J. Clim. Appl. Meteorol

DopplerVshift *Adjusted Doppler velocity from a mobile platform*

Description

`DopplerVshift` returns Adjusted Doppler velocity from a mobile platform. From Jorgensen (1983), Eqn 2

Usage

```
DopplerVshift(GS, psi)
```

Arguments

`GS`	Gound speed [m/s]
`psi`	Angle between actual azimuth and fore/aft angle [deg]

Value

`Vshift`	Shift in Doppler velocity from mobile aspect [m/s]

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DopplerWavelength *Wavelength given frequency*

Description

DopplerWavelength Converts from frequency to wavelength

Usage

```
DopplerWavelength(freq, speedOfLight)
```

Arguments

freq	Frequency [Hz]
speedOfLight	speed of light

Value

lam	Wavelength [m]

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ElectronicWarfareFrequencyBands *Electronic Warfare Frequency Bands*

Description

ElectronicWarfareFrequencyBands has Electronic Warfare Frequency Bands

Usage

```
ElectronicWarfareFrequencyBands
```

Author(s)

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Source

G. Richard Curry, 2011 SciTech Publishing Radar Essentials, A Concise Handbook for Radar Design and Performance Analysis

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Examples

```
data(ElectronicWarfareFrequencyBands)
str(ElectronicWarfareFrequencyBands)
```

`GeometryBeamBlockFrac` *Partial beam blockage fraction*

Description

`GeometryBeamBlockFrac` returns the partial beam blockage fraction From Bech et al. (2003), Eqn 2 and Appendix

Usage

```
GeometryBeamBlockFrac(Th, Bh, a)
```

Arguments

`Th`	Terrain height [m]
`Bh`	Beam height [m]
`a`	Half power beam radius [m]

Value

`PBB`	Partial beam blockage fraction [unitless]

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Bech et al, 2003 The Sensitivity of Single Polarization Weather Radar Beam Blockage Correction to Variability in the Vertical Refractivity Gradient American Meteorological Society, AMS journals Volume 20 Issue 6

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`GeometryHalfPowerRadius` *Half-power radius*

Description

`GeometryHalfPowerRadius` returns the half-power radius Battan (1973)

Usage

```
GeometryHalfPowerRadius(r, bwhalf)
```

Arguments

`r`	Range [m]
`bwhalf`	Half-power beam width [degrees]

Value

`Rhalf`	Half-power radius [m]

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GeometryRangeCorrect *Half-power radius*

Description

`GeometryRangeCorrect` returns the half-power radius From CSU Radar Meteorology AT 741 Notes

Usage

```
GeometryRangeCorrect(r, h, E)
```

Arguments

`r`	Distance to sample volume from radar [m]
`h`	Height of the center of radar volume [m]
`E`	Elevation angle [deg]

Value

`rnew`	Adjusted range to sample volume [m]

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GeometryRayHeight *Center of radar beam height calculation*

Description

`GeometryRayHeight` returns the center of radar beam height From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 3.12, Bech et al. (2003) Eqn 3

Usage

```
GeometryRayHeight(r, elev, H0, R1=kConstantR43)
```

Arguments

`r`	Range from radar to point of interest [m]
`elev`	Elevation angle of radar beam [deg]
`H0`	Height of radar antenna [m]
`R1`	Effective radius [m]

Value

`h`	Radar beam height [m]

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GeometryReffective *Effective radius calculation*

Description

`GeometryReffective` returns the effective radius From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 3.9, solved for R'

Usage

```
GeometryReffective(dNdH=-39e-6, earthRadius)
```

Arguments

`dNdH`	Refraction [N x10^-6/km]
`earthRadius`	earth radius [m]

Value

`R`	Effective radius [m]

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GeometrySampleVolGauss *Sample volume assuming transmitted energy in Gaussian beam shape*

Description

GeometrySampleVolGauss returns the sample volume assuming transmitted energy in Gaussian beam shape. From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 5.4

Usage

```
GeometrySampleVolGauss(r, bwH, bwV, pLength)
```

Arguments

r	Range from radar to point of interest [m]
bwH	Horizontal beamwidth [deg]
bwV	Vertical beamwidth deg]
pLength	Pulse length [m]

Value

sVol	Sample Volume [m^3]

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GeometrySampleVolIdeal *Sample volume (idealized) assuming all power in half-power beamwidths*

Description

GeometrySampleVolIdeal returns the sample volume (idealized) From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 5.2

Usage

```
GeometrySampleVolIdeal(r, bwH, bwV, pLength)
```

Arguments

r	Range from radar to point of interest [m]
bwH	Horizontal beamwidth [deg]
bwV	Vertical beamwidth deg]
pLength	Pulse length [m]

Value

sVol	Sample Volume [m^3]

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kConstantSpeedOfLight *Constant speed of light*

Description

kConstantSpeedOfLight is "c" the constant speed of light [m/s].

kConstantSLP Sea-level Pressure [hPa].

kConstantP0 Reference pressure [hPa].

kConstantRe Earth's radius [m].

kConstantR43 4/3 Approximation effective radius for standard atmosphere [m].

kConstantBoltz Boltzmann's constant [m^2 kg s^-2 K^-1].

Usage

```
kConstantSpeedOfLight
```

Author(s)

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Examples

```
print(kConstantSpeedOfLight)
```

SystemAntEffArea *Antenna effective area*

Description

SystemAntEffArea returns the antenna effective area From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 4.5

Usage

```
SystemAntEffArea(G, lam)
```

Arguments

G	Antenna Gain [dB]
lam	Radar wavelength [m]

Value

Ae	Antenna effective area [unitless]

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SystemFreq *Frequency given wavelength*

Description

`SystemFreq` Converts from wavelength to frequency

Usage

```
SystemFreq(lam, speedOfLight)
```

Arguments

`lam`	Wavelength [m]
`speedOfLight`	speed of light

Value

`f`	Frequency [Hz]

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SystemGainPratio *Antenna gain via power ratio*

Description

`SystemGainPratio` returns the antenna gain via power ratio From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 2.1

Usage

```
SystemGainPratio(P1, P2)
```

Arguments

`P1`	Power on the beam axis [W]
`P2`	Power from an isotropic antenna [W]

Value

`G`	Gain [dB]

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`SystemNormXsecBscatterSphere`
Normalized Backscatter cross-sectional area of a sphere using the Rayleigh approximation

Description

`SystemNormXsecBscatterSphere` returns the normalized Backscatter cross-sectional area of a sphere using the Rayleigh approximation From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 4.9 and 5.7 and Battan Ch. 4.5

Usage

```
SystemNormXsecBscatterSphere(D, lam, K=0.93)
```

Arguments

`D`	Diameter of target [m]
`lam`	Radar wavelength [m]
`K`	Dielectric factor [unitless]

Value

`sigNorm`	Normalized backscatter cross-section [unitless]

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`SystemPowerReturnTarget` *Power returned by target located at the center of the antenna beam pattern*

Description

`SystemPowerReturnTarget` returns Power returned by target located at the center of the antenna beam pattern From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 4.7

Usage

```
SystemPowerReturnTarget(Pt, G, lam, sig, r)
```

Arguments

`Pt`	Transmitted power [W]
`G`	Antenna gain [dB]
`lam`	Radar wavelength [m]
`sig`	Backscattering cross-sectional area of target [m^2]
`r`	Distance to sample volume from radar [m]

Value

`Pr`	Power returned by target [m]

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SystemPowerTarget *Power intercepted by target*

Description

SystemPowerTarget returns the power intercepted by target From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 4.3

Usage

```
SystemPowerTarget(Pt, G, Asig, r)
```

Arguments

Pt	Transmitted power [W]
G	Antenna gain [dB]
Asig	Area of target [m^2]
r	Distance to sample volume from radar [m]

Value

Psig	Power intecepted by target [m]

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`SystemRadarConst` *Radar constant*

Description

`SystemRadarConst` returns radar constant From CSU Radar Meteorology notes, AT 741

Usage

```
SystemRadarConst(Pt, G, Tau, lam, bwH, bwV, Lm, Lr)
```

Arguments

`Pt`	Transmitted power [W]
`G`	Antenna gain [dB]
`Tau`	Pulse Width [s]
`lam`	Radar wavelength [m]
`bwH`	Horizontalntenna beamwidth [degrees]
`bwV`	Vertical antenna beamwidth [degrees]
`Lm`	Antenna/waveguide/coupler loss [dB]
`Lr`	Receiver loss [dB]

Value

`C`	Radar constant [unitless]

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SystemSizeParam *Size parameter calculation*

Description

SystemSizeParam returns the size parameter calculation From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 4.9 and 5.7 and Battan Ch. 4.5

Usage

```
SystemSizeParam(D, lam)
```

Arguments

D	Diameter of target [m]
lam	Radar wavelength [m]

Value

alpha	Size parameter [unitless]

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SystemThermalNoise *Thermal noise power*

Description

SystemThermalNoise returns the thermal noise power From CSU Radar Meteorology notes, AT741

Usage

```
SystemThermalNoise(Bn, Units, Ts=290, k=kConstantBoltz)
```

Arguments

Bn	Receiver bandwidth [Hz]
Units	String of nits desired, can be 'W' or 'dBm'
Ts	Reciever noise temperature [K]
k	Boltzmann's constant

Value

nt	Thermal noise power [W or 'dBm']

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Systemwavelength — *Wavelength given frequency*

Description

`Systemwavelength` Converts from frequency to wavelength

Usage

```
Systemwavelength(freq, speedOfLight)
```

Arguments

`freq`	Frequency [Hz]
`speedOfLight`	speed of light

Value

`lam`	Wavelength [m]

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SystemXsecBscatterSphere — *Backscatter cross-sectional area of a sphere using the Rayleigh approximation*

Description

`SystemXsecBscatterSphere` returns Backscatter cross-sectional area of a sphere using the Rayleigh approximation From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 4.9 and 5.7

Usage

```
SystemXsecBscatterSphere(D, lam, K=0.93)
```

Arguments

`D`	Diameter of target [m]
`lam`	Radar wavelength [m]
`K`	Dielectric factor [unitless]

Value

`sig`	Backscattering cross-section [m*2]

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`VariablesCDR` *Circular depolarization ratio*

Description

`VariablesCDR` returns the circular depolarization ratio From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 10.2

Usage

```
VariablesCDR(Zpar, Zorth)
```

Arguments

`Zpar`	Reflectivity in the parallel channel [mm^6/m^3]
`Zorth`	Reflectivity in the orthogonal channel [mm^6/m^3]

Value

CDR	Circular depolarization ratio [dB]

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VariablesHDR *Differential reflectivity hail signature*

Description

`VariablesHDR` returns the differential reflectivity hail signature From Aydin et al. (1986), Eqns 4-5

Usage

```
VariablesHDR(dBZh, ZDR)
```

Arguments

dBZh	Horizontal reflectivity [dBZ]
ZDR	Differential reflectivity [dBZ]

Value

ZDP	Reflectivity difference [dB]

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Aydin et al., 1986

References

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`VariablesLDR` *Linear depolarization ratio*

Description

`VariablesLDR` returns the linear depolarization ratio From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 10.3

Usage

```
VariablesLDR(Zh, Zv)
```

Arguments

`Zh`	Horizontal reflectivity [mm^6/m^3]
`Zv`	Vertical reflectivity [mm^6/m^3]

Value

`LDR`	linear depolarization ratio

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`VariablesRadVel` *Radial velocity*

Description

`VariablesRadVel` returns the radial velocity From Rinehart (1993), Eqn 6.6

Usage

```
VariablesRadVel(f,lam)
```

Arguments

`f`	Frequency shift [Hz]
`lam`	Radar wavelength [m]

Value

`Vr`	Radial velocity [m/s]

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`VariablesReflectivity` *Radar reflectivity*

Description

`VariablesReflectivity` returns the radar reflectivity From Rinehart (1993), Eqn 5.17 (See Eqn 5.14-5.16 also)

Usage

```
VariablesReflectivity(Pt, G, Tau, lam, bwH, bwV, Lm, Lr, Pr, r, K=0.93)
```

Arguments

`Pt`	Transmitted power [W]
`G`	Antenna gain [dB]
`Tau`	Pulse Width [s]
`lam`	Radar wavelength [m]
`bwH`	Horizontalntenna beamwidth [degrees]
`bwV`	Vertical antenna beamwidth [degrees]
`Lm`	Antenna/waveguide/coupler loss [dB]
`Lr`	Receiver loss [dB]
`Pr`	Returned power [W]
`r`	Range to target [m]
`K`	Dielectric factor [unitless]

Value

`Ze`	Radar reflectivity [unitless]

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VariablesZDP *Reflectivity difference*

Description

VariablesZDP returns the reflectivity difference From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 10.2

Usage

```
VariablesZDP(Zh, Zv)
```

Arguments

Zh	Horizontal reflectivity [mm^6/m^3]
Zv	Vertical reflectivity [mm^6/m^3]

Value

ZDP	Reflectivity difference [dB]

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VariablesZDR *Differential reflectivity*

Description

`VariablesZDR` returns the differential reflectivity From Rinehart (1997), Eqn 10.3 and Seliga and Bringi (1976)

Usage

```
VariablesZDR(Zh, Zv)
```

Arguments

`Zh`	Horizontal reflectivity [mm^6/m^3]
`Zv`	Vertical reflectivity [mm^6/m^3]

Value

`ZDR`	Differential reflectivity [dB]

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