

GEOP 4/693 Geodetic Methods – Homework 2

The following homework is to be turned in via blackboard by 5 PM on Friday, November 01. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please submit a **zip archive** with all necessary files (solutions, code, figures in order of assignment) excluding raw SAR files!

Problem 1

Write a maximum 1-page (1-inch margins, 10-pt font) summary for the lectures and labs on InSAR. In your write-up, convey the points of importance to make the system work. Your focus should be on creating 2-pass interferograms; feel free to elaborate on time series though.

Problem 2

From an archive that provides SAR data for free / public download, find an “interesting” area that provides at least two repeat SAR observations (try ASF, ESA). Note that the repeat observation must have the **same** track and frame number as the first observation (the footprints of the images must overlap!). Make sure that the platform (satellite) can be processed with gmtSAR (p2p script exists). Interfere the SAR images, and find -through experimentation- a reasonable unwrapping threshold.

A word of warning: be mindful of the area you pick! Heavily vegetated or snowy ground, or very steep terrain make the processing hard / impossible. It is OK to turn in a negative result as long as you can explain why the processing did not work.

If you think the results (unwrapping) are affected by problems in certain areas of the image reduce the size using `region.cut`. Feel free to experiment with some of the other gmtSAR parameters to get a good result (good = good coherence over a large area)

Explain what makes that area interesting to you (a regional map might be a good idea to make your point). Include the wrapped and unwrapped interferograms in both radar and geographic projections in your write up. Interpret the signal / fringes that you see; use the amplitude and correlation matrices (images) to substantiate your interpretation. Elaborate on whether your product supports your initial interest in the area.

Instructions for getting and preparing data

If you want to download data, the most straightforward thing to do is likely to open a webbrowser (firefox, google-chrome) on a machine on the LuNGS network and work from there:

```
$> firefox &
```

or

```
$> google-chrome &
```

This might be a bit slower, but the data download ends up directly in your home directory on the network.

Another possibility is to download to whatever (linux, mac, Windows command line) machine you're working on and then to copy the data to your LuNGS home directory:

```
$> scp INSAR_ARCHIVE.tar.gz USER@badger.giseis.alaska.edu:/home/USER/geodesy
```

From here on, follow the instructions in an abbreviated version of the gmt-SAR README file that I deposited at:

```
$> less /InSAR/GMTSAR_README.txt
```

Note in particular the naming conventions! It is important to name the files exactly as described there if they come in a different naming convention. If, for example, you download ERS-2 data from WinSAR you will get:

```
$> tar xzf ER02_SAR_RAW_OP_19980302T174804_19980302T174820_ESR_14982.CEOS.tar.gz
$> mv DAT_01.001 e2_98_2907_14982.dat
$> mv LEA_01.001 e2_98_2907_14982.ldr
```

You will know your specific values for orbit, track, and absolute orbit from your search results (in my example: 98, 2907, 14982). Note that the file name convention is different for each platform. If this is not clear after going through the README file ask me.

If you process Sentinel 1A/B data, download the L1 Single Look Complex (SLC) from ASF or ESA. Make sure the ones you download have the same polarization (VV/VH or both) and you again select the same path and track! Once you download them, place them in the raw directory and unpack. You'll end up with a very long name that ends in **.SAFE**, which is actually a directory that contains a lot of information on top of the actual measurement. That's fine.

Sentinel 1 A/B processing

For Sentinel processing, you'll also need orbits, which can get here: https://qc.sentinel1.eo.esa.int/aux_poeorb/. The orbit filenames look something like this:

S1B_OPER_AUX_POEORB_OPOD_20171014T111228_V20170923T225942_20170925T005942.EOF

which includes three dates:

20171014T111228 - the creation date
20170923T225942 - the start time for which orbits exist in the file
20170925T005942 - the end time for which orbits exist in this file

Make sure that your data file, which may look something like this:

S1B_IW_SLC__1SDV_20170527T005941_20170527T010008_005777_00A205_F263.SAFE

has a date that falls into the period of the orbit file. This Sentinel 1-B acquisition started at 20170527T005941 and ended at 20170527T010008, and the orbit file I show above would not work! Place the orbit files in the **raw** directory!

Sentinel-1 processing for repeat-pass acquisitions is probably easiest using `p2p_S1A_TOPS_Frame.csh`:

```
$> p2p_S1A_TOPS_Frame.csh Master.SAFE Master.EOF Slave.SAFE Slave.EOF \  
    config.s1a.txt polarization parallel
```

```
Example: p2p_S1A_TOPS_Frame.csh \  
    S1A_IW_SLC__1SDV_20150607T014936_20150607T015003_006261_00832E_3626.SAFE \  
    S1A_OPER_AUX_POEORB_OPOD_20150615T155109_V20150525T225944_20150527T005944.EOF \  
    S1A_IW_SLC__1SSV_20150526T014935_20150526T015002_006086_007E23_679A.SAFE \  
    S1A_OPER_AUX_POEORB_OPOD_20150627T155155_V20150606T225944_20150608T005944.EOF \  
    config.s1a.txt vv 1
```

Place the .SAFE file in the raw folder, DEM in the topo folder
During processing, F1, F2, F3 and merge folder will be generated
Final results will be placed in the merge folder, with phase
corr [unwrapped phase].
polarization = vv vh hh or hv
parallel = 0-sequential 1-parallel

DEM Generation

Remember that you need to generate a DEM that is at least as large as your scenes. Use the website for this. Then copy the link to the generated file, go into the directory that contains the **raw** directory created on LuNGS and run, for example:

```
$> wget http://topex.ucsd.edu/gmtsar/demgen/data/1445565920.174.28.158.6.tar  
$> tar xf 1445565920.174.28.158.6.tar  
$> mv 1445565920.174.28.158.6_tmp topo
```

Such that you'll have a **raw** and **topo** directory on the same hierarchy level:

```
$> ls  
raw  topo
```

You can find config file templates for each sensor at `/usr/local/GMTSAR/gmtsar/csh/`.