PROBLEM:

A linear-FM "chirp" signal is one that sweeps in frequency from $\omega_1 = 2\pi f_1$ to $\omega_2 = 2\pi f_2$ as time goes from $t = 0$ to $t = T_2$. We can define the *instantaneous frequency* of the chirp as the derivative of the phase of the sinusoid:

$$x(t) = A\cos(\alpha t^2 + \beta t + \phi) \tag{1}$$

where the cosine function operates on a time-varying argument

$$\psi(t) = \alpha t^2 + \beta t + \phi$$

The derivative of the argument $\psi(t)$ is the *instantaneous frequency* which is also the audible frequency heard from the chirp *if the chirping frequency does not change too rapidly.*

$$\omega_i(t) = \frac{d}{dt}\psi(t) \qquad \text{radians/sec} \tag{2}$$

There are examples on the CD-ROM in the Chapter 3 demos.

(a) For the linear-FM "chirp" in (1), determine formulas for the beginning instantaneous frequency (ω_1) and the ending instantaneous frequency (ω_2) in terms of α, β and T_2. For this problem, assume that the starting time of the "chirp" is $t = 0$.

(b) For the "chirp" signal

$$x(t) = \Re e\left\{e^{j2\pi(30t^2 - 30t)}\right\}$$

derive a formula for the *instantaneous* frequency versus time. Should your answer for the frequency be a positive number?

(c) For the signal in part (b), make a plot of the *instantaneous* frequency (in Hz) versus time over the range $0 \le t \le 1$ sec.