Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology HST.584J: Magnetic Resonance Analytic, Biochemical, and Imaging Techniques, Spring 2006 Course Directors: Dr. Bruce Rosen and Dr. Lawrence Wald

HST.584 / 22.561 – Problem Set 4 Due: Apr. 26 / 2006 in class

1) One scheme for producing more rapid NMR images produces the following data collection pattern or trajectory in k-space:



- a) What does the pulse sequence which produces this pattern look like? If a 128 x 128 image matrix is desired, how many samples need to be collected per spin echo?
- b) How many pulse repetitions are needed and how does this compare to conventional imaging?

2) Prove any three of the Fourier Transform theorems discussed in class.

3) In spin-warp (2D-FT) imaging, the evolution of the signal with time (i.e. S(t)) provides x-axis spatial information following a Fourier transformation (G_x is on during signal readout), while over multiple experiments the evolution of S with successive phase encoding gradient (G_y) steps can be Fourier transformed to provide y-axis spatial information.

- a) What is the effect of magnetic field inhomogeneities on each of these two forms of spatial encoding?
- b) If you were to image a bottle of Miracle Whip (fat & water), write an expression (as a function of your digital sampling, gradient strengths and / or duration, field strength, etc.) for the displacement of the fat and water images (the 'chemical shift' artifact) along the x & y axes.