

As before:

$y(t) = (c_0 + c_1 x(t)) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta)$ is received, but θ is unknown to the receiver.

- Can the signal $x(t)$ be recovered from $\gamma(y(t))$, $\gamma(w) = a_0 + a_1 w + a_2 w^2$, and LTI filtering?

Solution

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma(y(t)) &= a_0 + a_1 [(c_0 + c_1 x(t)) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta)] \\
 &\quad + a_2 [(c_0 + c_1 x(t)) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta)]^2 \\
 &= \underbrace{a_0 + \frac{a_2}{2}(c_0^2 + 2c_1 x(t) + x(t)^2)}_{\text{baseband}} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{a_1 [(c_0 + c_1 x(t)) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta)]}_{\text{passband}} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{a_2}{2}(c_0 + c_1 x(t))^2 \cos(4\pi f_c t + \theta)}_{\text{highpass}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The bandpass and highpass information can be knocked out by a low pass filter, and they cannot be brought down to baseband by a LTI. So only the baseband terms can be used. There the $x(t)^2$ covers the $x(t)$, so there is no way in general to recover $x(t)$ alone from this signal using only LTI filtering.