



# Communication Systems 3

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Fourier transform can be computed frequency components for arbitrary complex functions. {2}

Discrete Fourier Transform is for frequency components of sampled data, sample error add extra frequency components {2}

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Baseband is the highest frequency of data.

Sidebands are the frequency components either side of the carrier.

System must have suitable bandwidth and sample frequency to measure the double the baseband frequency or cover both side bands.

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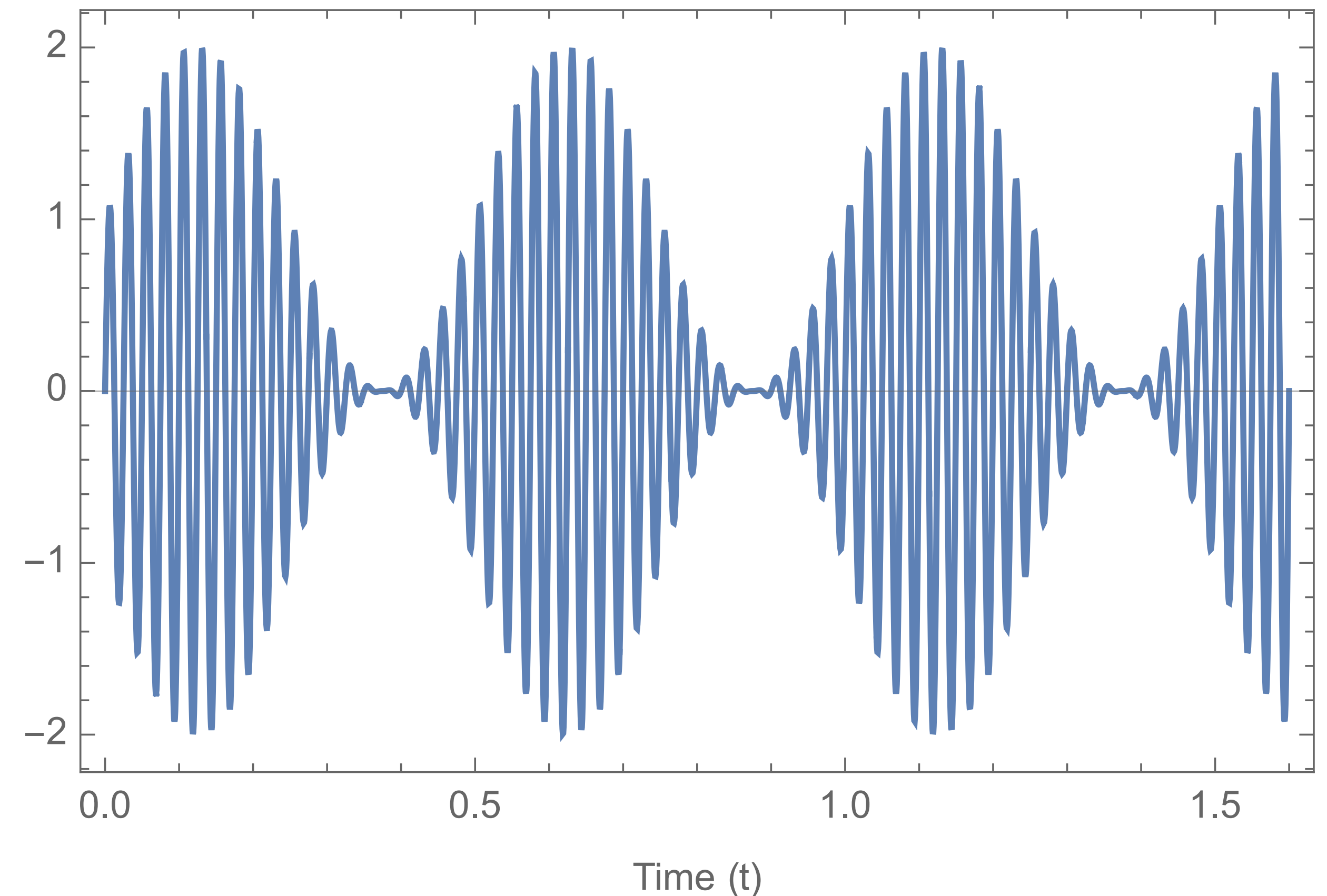
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$$y(t) = [\text{DC} + m \sin(2\pi\nu_m t)]A \sin(2\pi\nu_c t) >$$



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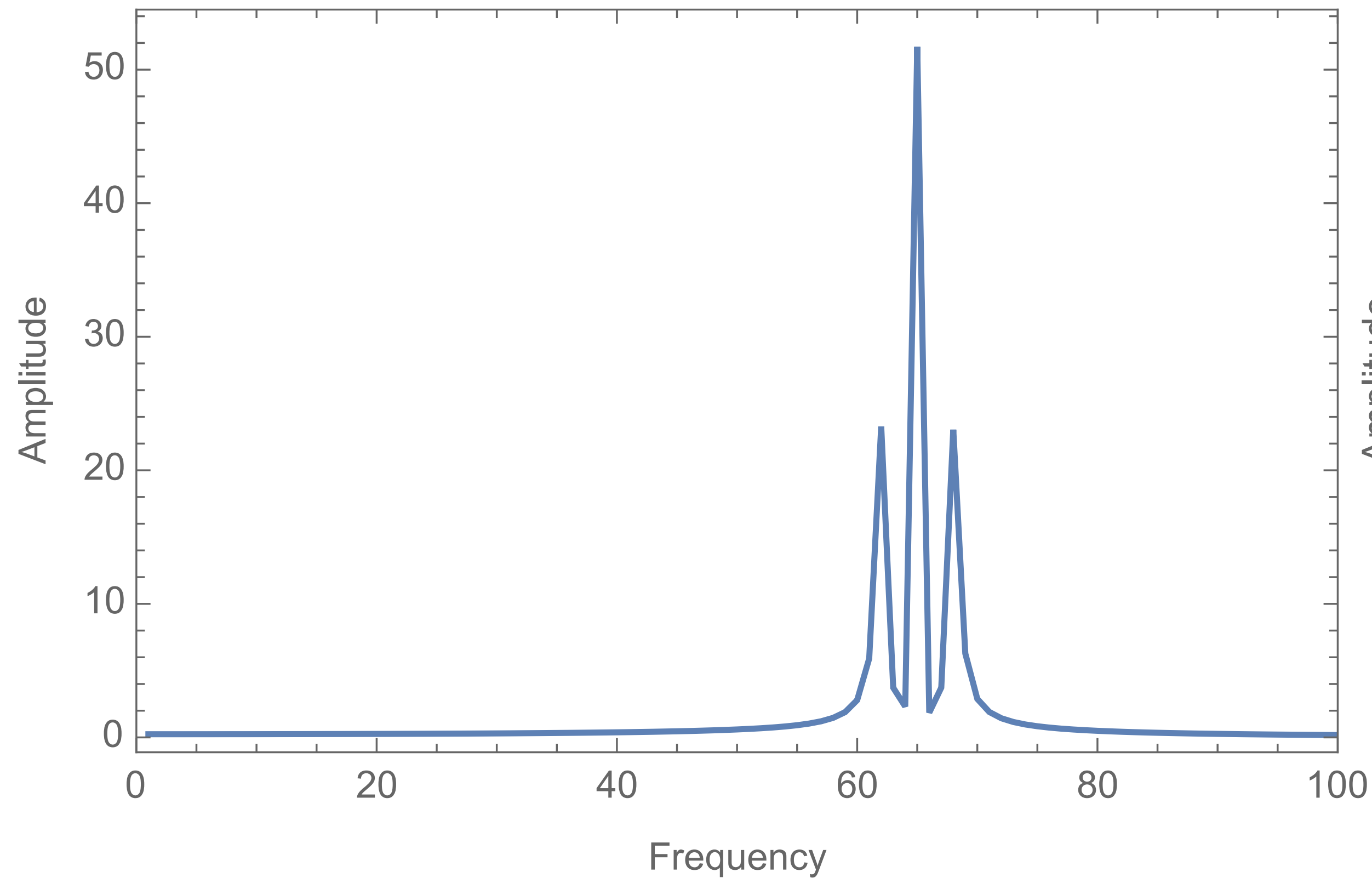


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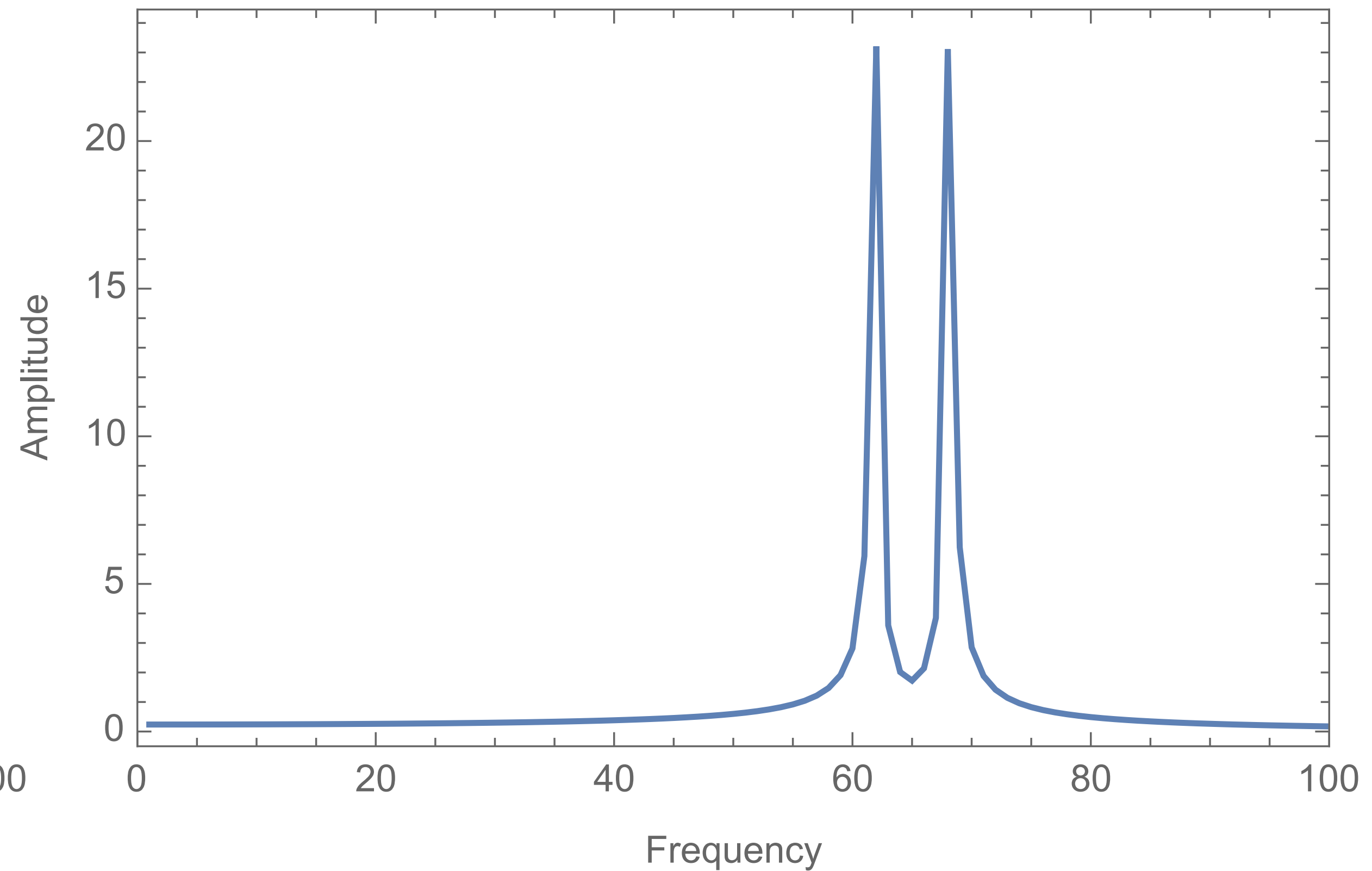
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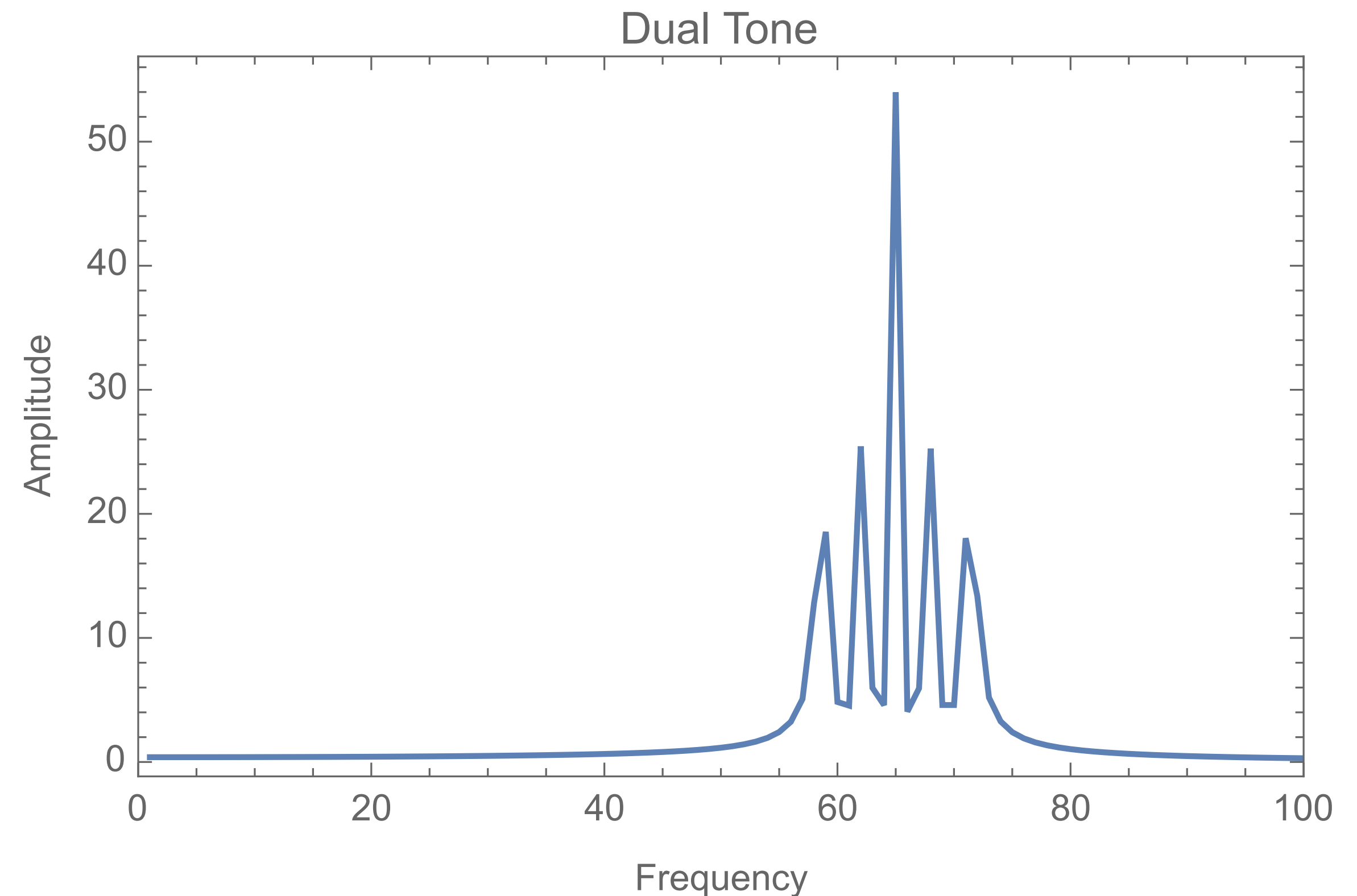


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Bandwidth must be appropriate to cover all the carrier must be greater than the highest frequency component such that left hand side band has a frequency is above 0 Hz.



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Determining the sequence is either odd or even, a parity bit will either 0 or 1. Such as (1 0 0 0) is odd, therefore with a parity bit (1 0 0 0 1) will be added.

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(b) Using 7:4 Hamming coding, code a suitable message and determine the binary sequence that would be transmitted in a communication system. [4]

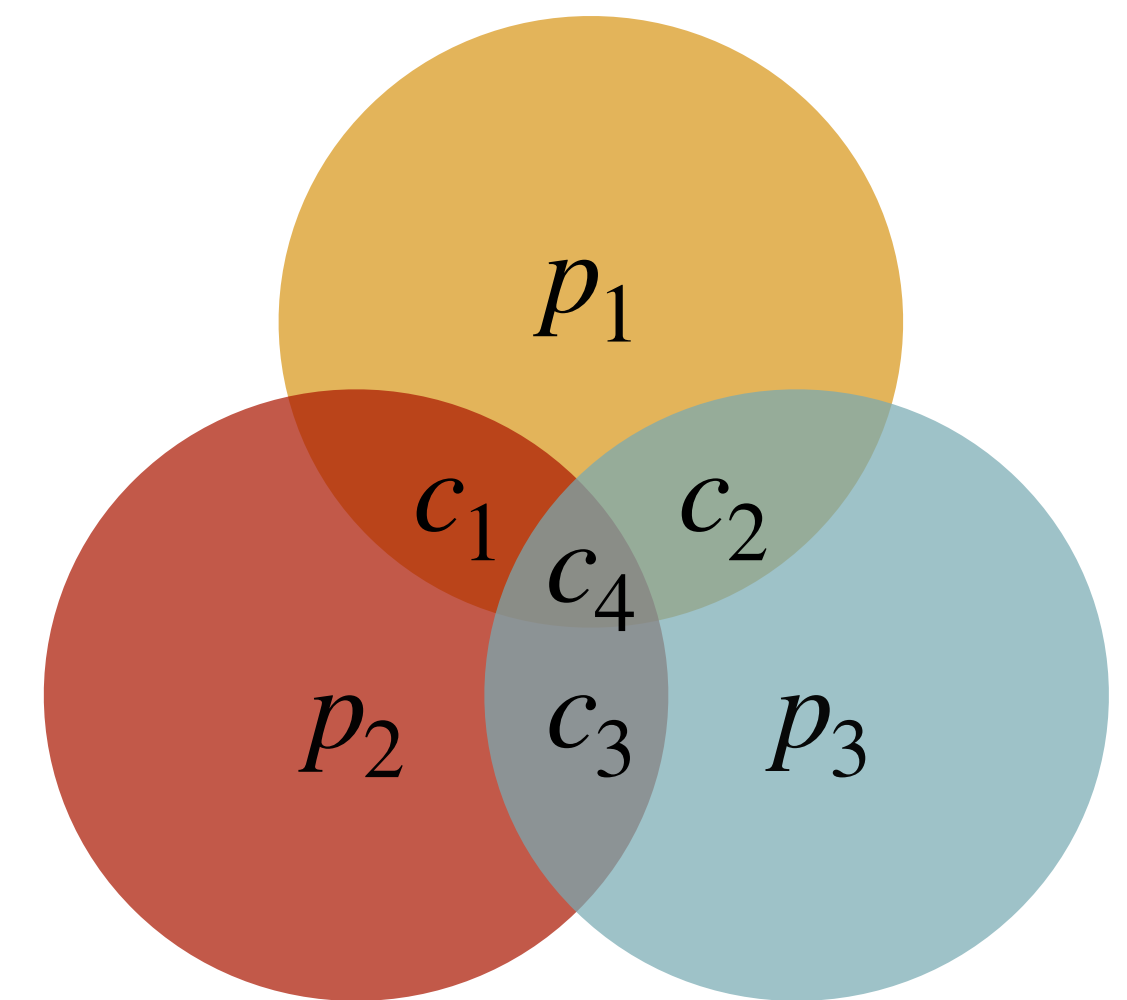
$$\text{Generator Matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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Baud rate cannot be higher than carrier frequency. Optical carrier is  $>100\text{Thz}$ , therefore high potential for information transmission.

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Primary limited by electrical SNR as optical power is relatively low, meaning no SBS. High order modulation formats such as PAM or QAM effectively use available SNR.



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(c) Describe the differences between optical transmission in single mode, step-index multimode and graded index fibre. Use an appropriate diagram to support your description of the propagation of light for each fibre type. [5]

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The multiplex paths in step index multimode, result in temporal spreading of data, limiting the possible maximum baud rate. Graded index mitigated this due to the refractive index profile is designed to minimize mode group delays, limiting the effect of temporal spreading (dispersion).