

Amplitude modulation

Definition → The process by which the amplitude of the carrier signal is changed in accordance with the instantaneous value of the modulating signal is called as amplitude modulation.

(phase & freq. of the carrier remains constant.)

Let the carrier voltage & modulating voltage V_m and V_c .
& it is represented by,

$$V_m = V_m \sin \omega_m t$$

& carrier signal voltage

$$V_c = V_c \sin \omega_c t$$

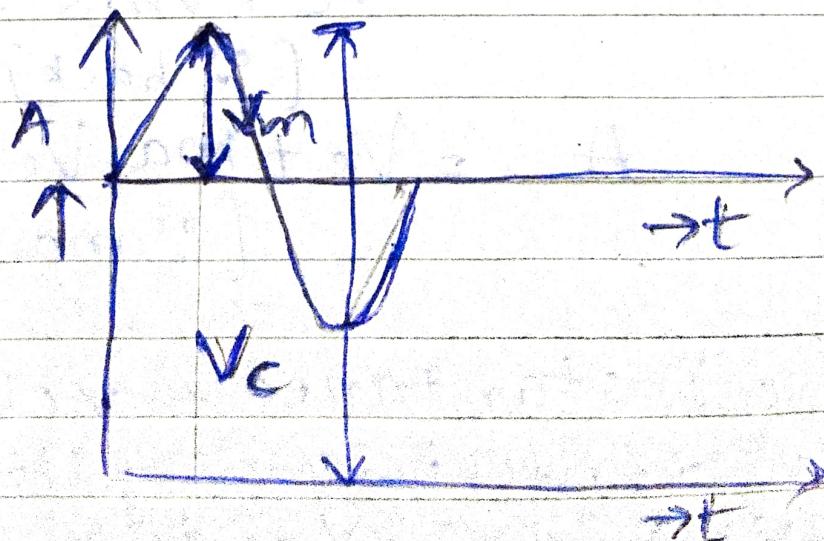
When we add both the

V_m & V_c is the instantaneous value of the modulating signal & carrier.

and

V_m & V_c is the max. value of modulating signal & carrier respectively.

ω = angular Velocity.



V_m & V_c is the amplitude of the modulating signal & carrier signal.

The modulation index is defined as the ratio of the max. amplitude of the modulating signal to the max. amplitude of carrier signal.

Modulation index (ma)

$$ma = \frac{V_m}{V_c}$$

The amplitude of modulated voltage, $A = V_c + V_m$

$$= V_c + V_m \sin \omega_m t$$

[\therefore back]

Derive

$$A = V_c + ma \cdot V_c \sin \omega_m t$$

$[\because ma = \frac{V_m}{V_c} \Rightarrow V_m = \dots]$

The instantaneous voltage of the resulting amplitude modulated wave is,

$$V = A \cdot \sin \omega c t$$

$$V = (V_c + m_a V_c \sin \omega_m t) \cdot \sin \omega_c t$$

[∴ value of A]

$$V = V_c \sin \omega_c t + m_a \cdot V_c \sin \omega_c t \cdot \sin \omega_m t$$

[∴ bracket open]

$$\sin x \cdot \sin y = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x-y) - \cos(x+y)]$$

$$= V_c \sin \omega_c t + m_a \cdot V_c [\cos(\omega_c t - \omega_m t) - \cos(\omega_c t + \omega_m t)]$$

$$V = V_c \sin \omega_c t + m_a \cdot V_c \cos(\omega_c t - \omega_m t)t -$$

carrier signal

$\frac{1}{2}$ lower sideband freq.

$$+ m_a \cdot V_c \cdot \cos(\omega_c t + \omega_m t)t$$

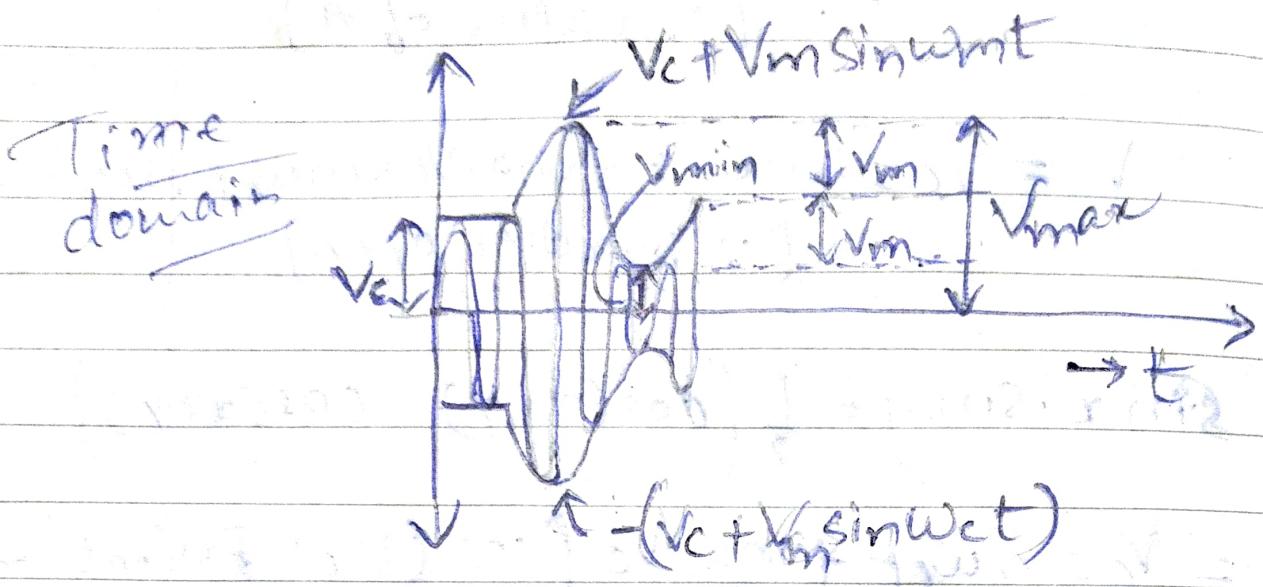
$\frac{1}{2}$ upper sideband freq.

[This is the final value of amplitude modulated signal]

* Amplitude Modulated Signal (AM)

Amplitude modulated signal consist of three freq. i.e. un-modulated carrier, lower side band freq & upper side band freq. ie represented in above equation.

* Representation of AM wave.



AM wave consist of three diff. freq. Centre freq. ie carrier & it has highest amplitude than other two freq. [F_{USB}, F_{LSD}].

Symmetrically above it having amplitude which are equal to each other but it can never exceed of the carrier amplitude.

Top envelope of AM wave is given by the relation,

$$A = V_c + V_m \sin \omega t$$

The max. +ve amplitude for bottom ~~amp~~ envelope is given by,

$$A = -(V_c + V_m \sin \omega t)$$

From fig. we can write, twice

$$2V_m = V_{max} - V_{min}$$

$$V_m = \frac{V_{max} + V_{min}}{2} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$V_c = V_{max} - V_m$$

put the value of V_m :

$$\therefore V_c = V_{max} - \left[\frac{V_{max} - V_{min}}{2} \right]$$

$$\therefore V_c = \frac{2V_{max} - V_{max} + V_{min}}{2}$$

$$\therefore V_c = \frac{V_{max} + V_{min}}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{But, } m_a = \frac{V_m}{V_{max} + V_{min}}$$

$$\therefore m_a = \frac{V_{max} - V_{min}}{2}$$

$$\frac{V_{max} + V_{min}}{2}$$

[∴ value of V_c & V_m]

$$\therefore m_a = \left[\frac{\frac{V_{max} - V_{min}}{2}}{\frac{V_{max} + V_{min}}{2}} \right] \rightarrow (3)$$

eqn (3) is the standard method to calculate modulation index (m_a).

★ Modulation index. (ma).

The modulation index is defined as the max. amplitude of modulating signal to the max. amplitude of the carrier signal.

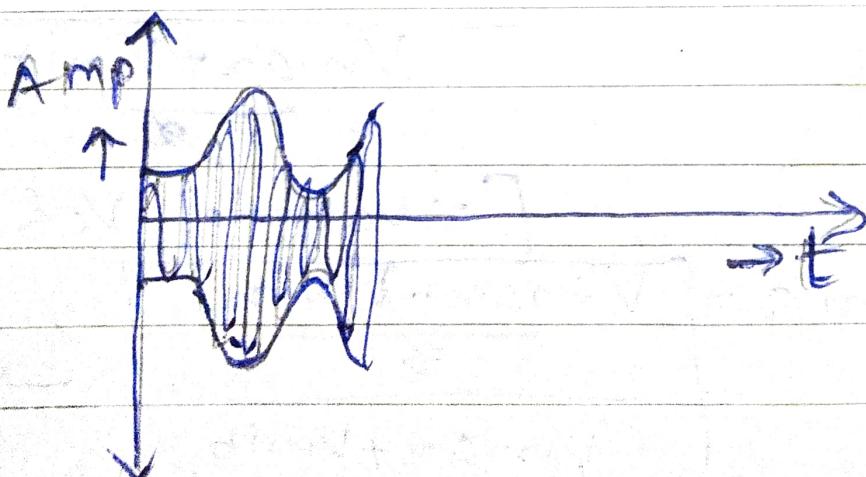
$$\therefore \boxed{ma = \frac{V_m}{V_c}}$$

★ Effect of modulation index.

(1) $ma < 1$ { $\because ma = \frac{V_m}{V_c}$ }

[This type of modulation is known as under modulation].

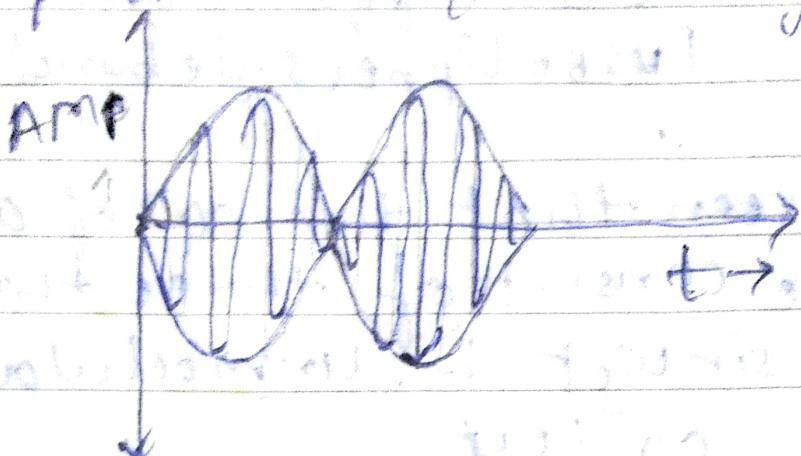
★ Under modulation.



If the modulation index of Am signal is less than unity, this type of modulation is known as undermodulation.

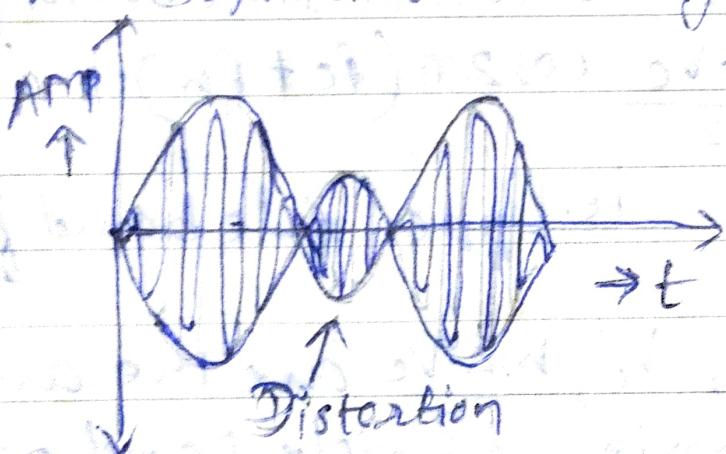
(2) $ma = 1$
 $\therefore V_m = V_c$ [fully modulated or 100% modulated].

If ma is equal to unity then -

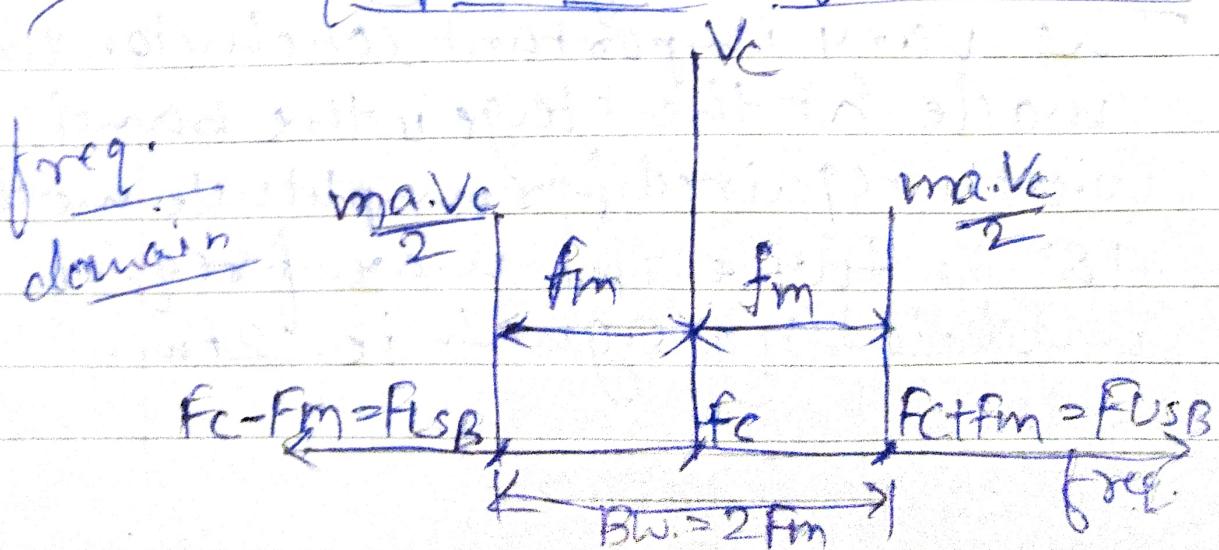


(3) $ma > 1$ [Over modulation]
 $V_m > V_c$ [Over modulation]

If ma is greater than unity then --



* Freeq. Spectrum of AM. Wave.



where. B.W. = Bandwidth.

F_c = carrier freq.

F_m = ^{max}modulating freq.

F_{LSB} = ^{lower}~~left~~ side band freq.

F_{USB} = Upper side band freq.

It is seen that the eqⁿ. of an AM wave consist of three terms,

(1) $V_c \sin \omega t$ ie. Unmodulated carrier.

(2) $\frac{m_a V_c}{2} \cos 2\pi(F_c - F_m)t$

ie. lower sideband freq.

(3) $\frac{m_a V_c}{2} \cos 2\pi(F_c + F_m)t$

ie. Upper sideband freq.

where, V_c , $m_a V_c$ are the amplitude of carrier & side band respectively, as shown in the freq. spectrum.

The very important conclusion we made at the stage is the band width required for amplitude mod. -ian is twice the max. freq. of modulating signal. ie. $2F_m$.

* Power relation in AM wave.

The modulated wave contain extra energy in the two side band component. Therefore the modulated wave contain more power than the carrier. ~~at before~~ since the amplitude of side band depends on the modulation index.

\rightarrow the total power in the modulated wave will be,

$$P_t = P_{\text{carrier}} + P_{LSB} + P_{USB}$$

$$= \frac{V_{\text{carrier}}^2}{R} + \frac{V_{LSB}^2}{R} + \frac{V_{USB}^2}{R} (\text{rms})$$

where, all three voltages is rms value. & R is the antenna resistance in which the power is dissipated.

Unmodulated carrier power is

given by,

$$P_c = \frac{V_{\text{carrier}}^2}{R} = \frac{(V_c/\sqrt{2})^2}{R} = \frac{V_c^2}{2R}$$

Similarly, $P_{LSB} = \frac{V_{LSB}^2}{R} = \left(\frac{m_a \cdot V_c / \sqrt{2}}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{m_a^2 \cdot V_c^2}{8R}$

"", $P_{USB} = \frac{V_{USB}^2}{R} = \frac{m_a \cdot V_c^2}{8R}$ (same)

$$P_t = P_{carrier} + P_{USB} + P_{VSB}$$

$$= \frac{V_c^2}{2R} + \frac{ma^2 \cdot V_c^2}{8R} + \frac{ma^2 \cdot V_c^2}{8R}$$

$$= \frac{V_c^2}{2R} \left(1 + ma^2 + \frac{ma^2}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{V_c^2}{2R} \left(1 + 2ma^2 \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{V_c^2}{2R} \left(1 + ma^2 \right)$$

$$\boxed{P_t = P_c \left(1 + \frac{ma^2}{2} \right) \quad | \quad \because P_c = \frac{V_c^2}{2R}}$$

* Problems

(1) If the eqn of AM wave is given by, $E_{AM} = 180(1 + 0.8\sin 2\pi \times 10^3 t) \times \sin 2\pi \times 10^6 t$.

complete the AM freq. spectrum & calculate Band width.

→ Given eqn is, compare with,

$$\& E_A = V_c (1 + ma \cdot \sin \omega_m t) \cdot \sin \omega_c t$$

$$V_c = 180V, \omega_m = 2\pi \times 10^3$$

$$ma = 0.8, \omega_c = 2\pi \times 10^6$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

$$\therefore \omega_m = 2\pi f_m$$

$$\therefore f_m = \frac{\omega_m}{2\pi}$$

$$\therefore f_m = \frac{2\pi \times 10^3}{2\pi} = 1000 = 1 \text{ kHz.}$$

$$\Delta f_c = \frac{\omega_c}{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi \times 10^6}{2\pi} = 1000000 = 1 \text{ MHz.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{LSB} &= f_c - f_m \\ &= 10^6 - 10^3 \\ &= 999,000 \\ &= 999 \text{ kHz} \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{USB} = f_c + f_m$$

$$= 1001 \text{ kHz}$$

$$\text{B.W.} = 2f_m = 2 \times 1 \text{ kHz} = 2 \text{ kHz.}$$

$$\overline{\text{TB.W.}} = 2 \text{ kHz}$$

$$V_c = 180 \text{ V}$$

freq. spectrum of AM wave.

$$72V$$

$$f_m \quad 1 \text{ kHz}$$

$$72V$$

$$F_{LSB} = 999 \text{ kHz}$$

$$F_{USB} = 1001 \text{ kHz}$$

$$\text{B.W.} 2 \text{ kHz}$$

freq.

Example 2.6 :

A 600 watt carrier is modulated to depth 75%. Calculate total power in AM wave.

Solution :**Given :**

$$P_c = 600 \text{ watt}$$

$$m = 0.75$$

Total power.

$$\begin{aligned} P_t &= \left(1 + \frac{m^2}{2}\right) P_c \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{(0.75)^2}{2}\right) \times 600 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{P_t = 768.75 \text{ Watt}}$$

Example 2.7 :

A 500 watt carrier is modulated to depth of 80%. Calculate -

- (i) Total power in AM wave.
- (ii) Power in sidebands.

Solution :**Given :**

$$P_c = 500 \text{ watt}$$

$$m = 0.8$$

(i) Total Power :

$$\begin{aligned} P_t &= \left(1 + \frac{m^2}{2}\right) P_c \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{(0.8)^2}{2}\right) \times 500 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{P_t = 660 \text{ Watt}}$$

(ii) Power in sidebands :

$$\begin{aligned} P_{USB} = P_{LSB} &= \frac{m^2}{4} \times P_c \\ &= \frac{(0.8)^2}{4} \times 500 \\ &= 80 \text{ Watt} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{P_{USB} = P_{LSB} = 80 \text{ Watt}}$$

Example 2.1.1

A modulating signal $20 \sin(2\pi \times 10^3 t)$ is used to modulate a carrier signal $40 \sin(2\pi \times 10^4 t)$. Find :

- (a) Modulation index
- (b) Percentage modulation
- (c) Sideband frequencies and their amplitude
- (d) Bandwidth of AM wave
- (e) Draw the frequency spectrum.

Solution :

Given : Modulating signal,

$$e_m = 20 \sin(2\pi \times 10^3 t) \quad \dots (1)$$

$$e_m = E_m \sin(2\pi f_m t) \quad \dots (2)$$

∴ Compare equation (1) and (2), we get

$$E_m = 20 \text{ V}$$

$$f_m = 10^3 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ kHz}$$

Similarly, carrier signal

$$e_c = 40 \sin(2\pi \times 10^4 t) \quad \dots (3)$$

$$e_c = E_c \sin(2\pi f_c t) \quad \dots (4)$$

Compare equation (3) and (4), we get,

$$E_c = 40 \text{ V}$$

$$f_c = 10^4 \text{ Hz} = 10 \text{ kHz}$$

(a) Modulation Index :

$$m = \frac{E_m}{E_c} = \frac{20}{40} = 0.5$$

$$\boxed{m = 0.5}$$

$$\frac{18}{16} = 1 + \frac{m^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore m^2 = 25$$

$$\therefore m = 0.50$$

(b) Percentage modulation :

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ modulation} &= m \times 100 \\ &= 0.5 \times 100 \\ &= 50\% \end{aligned}$$

(c) Sideband frequencies and their amplitude :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LSB} &= F_{LSB} = f_c - f_m \\ &= 10 \text{ kHz} - 1 \text{ kHz} \\ &= 9 \text{ kHz} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{USB} &= F_{USB} = f_c + f_m \\ &= 10 \text{ kHz} + 1 \text{ kHz} \\ &= 11 \text{ kHz} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LSB amplitude} &= \text{USB amplitude} \\ &= \frac{mE_c}{2} = 0.5 \times \frac{40}{2} \\ &= 10 \text{ V}\end{aligned}$$

(d) Bandwidth of AM

$$\begin{aligned}\text{BW} &= 2 \times f_m \\ &= 2 \times 1 \text{ kHz} \\ \boxed{\text{BW} = 2 \text{ kHz}}\end{aligned}$$

(e) Frequency spectrum

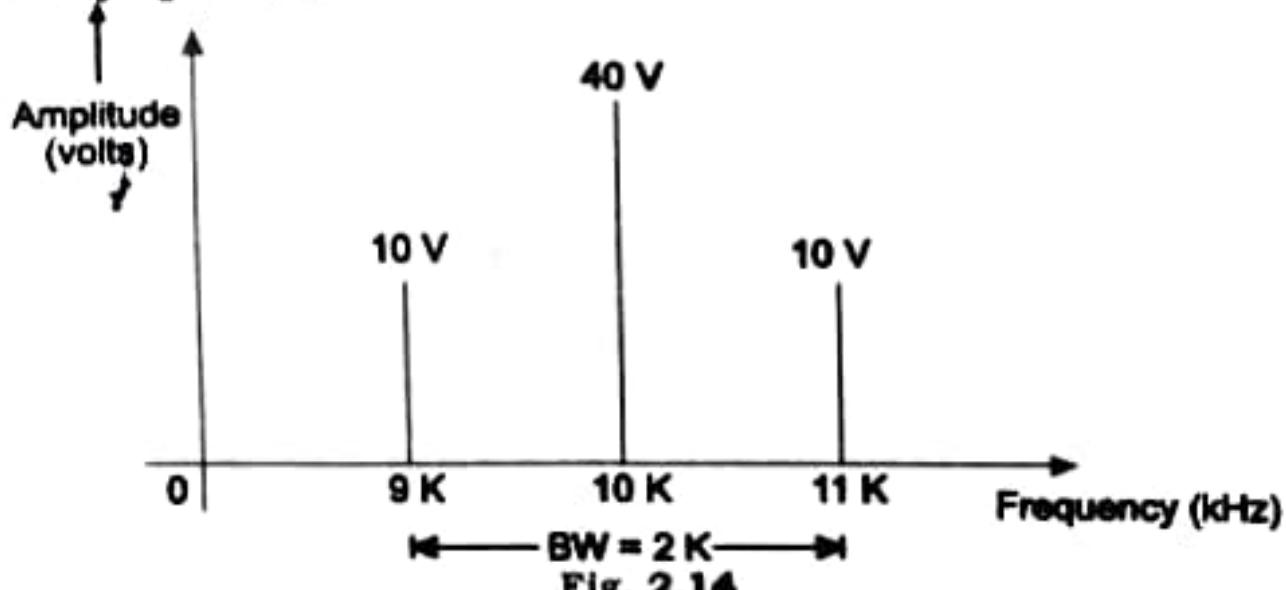


Fig. 2.14

2.7.1 Modulation Index in terms of Power

From equation (2.23),

$$P_t = \left(1 + \frac{m^2}{2}\right) P_c$$

$$\frac{P_t}{P_c} = 1 + \frac{m^2}{2}$$

$$m^2 = 2 \left(\frac{P_t}{P_c} - 1 \right)$$

$$\boxed{m = \left[2 \left(\frac{P_t}{P_c} - 1 \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

(2) A 400 watt carrier is modulated to a depth of 75%. calculate the total power required for modulation.



$$P_c = 400 \text{ W}$$

$$m_a = 0.75$$

$$P_{BSB} = \frac{m_a^2 + 1}{2}$$

$$P_t = P_c \left(1 + \frac{m_a^2}{2} \right)$$

$$= 400 \left(1 + \frac{(0.75)^2}{2} \right)$$

$$(P_t = 512.5 \text{ Watt})$$

(3) First radio transmitter radiates 10kW power when modulation power is 60%. Then calculate the power.



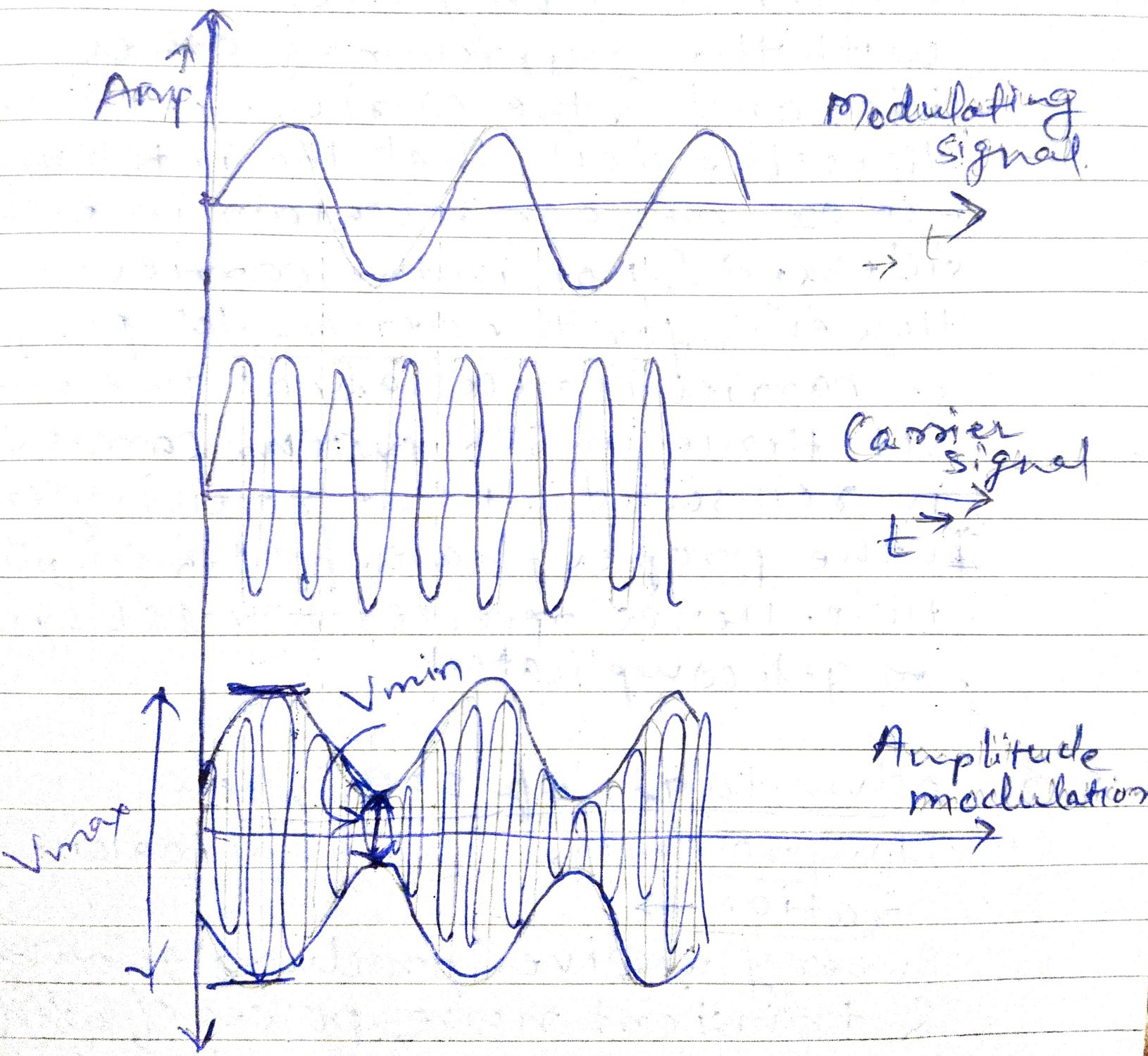
$$P_t = 10 \text{ kW}, m_a = 0.60$$

$$P_t = P_c \left(1 + \frac{m_a^2}{2} \right)$$

$$10 \times 10^3 = P_c \left(1 + \frac{(0.60)^2}{2} \right)$$

$$P_c = 8.474 \text{ kW.}$$

* AM signal waveform.



* Disadv. of DSBFC

→ Power wastage \rightarrow Bandwidth inefficient.
∴ carrier power is $\approx 66.66\%$. \therefore 2fm. same info is there
powersaving if $m=1$ in both side band, so one is
then, $\frac{P_C}{(1+m^2)} = \frac{P_C}{\frac{3}{2}P_C}$ ie. $\frac{P_C}{\frac{3}{2}P_T}$ sufficient.

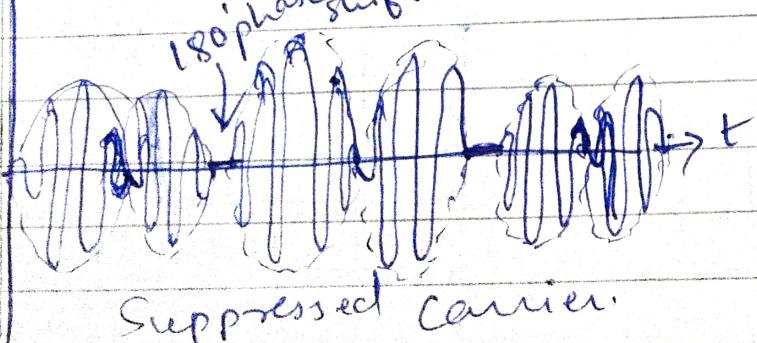
∴ powersaving = $\frac{1}{1.5} \times 100 = 66.66\%$

DSBSC

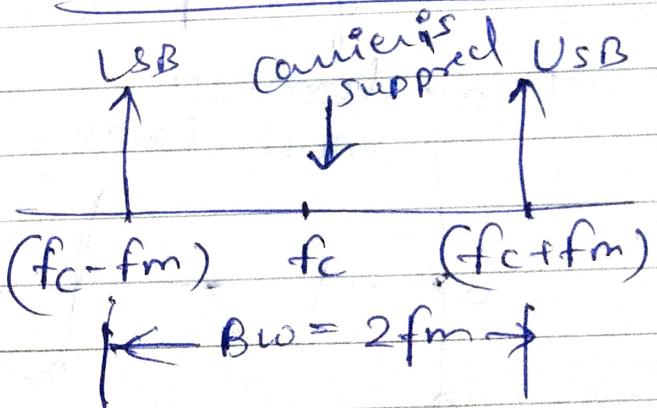
Adv we can save power by suppressing carrier,
i.e. we can save 66.66% power of total Power.

In Time domain

modulating sig.



In Frequency domain



Disadv Bandwidth is still 2fm which is inefficient.

→ Time domain analysis

Let $x(t)$ is modulating sig.

$$\therefore x(t) = V_m \cos(2\pi f_m t)$$

amplitude freq.

DSB SC modulated wave, $= x(t) \cdot c(t)$

$$\therefore \downarrow \quad \Rightarrow V_c V_m [\cos(2\pi f_m t) \cos(2\pi f_c t)]$$

$$\cos A \cdot \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)]$$

$$\therefore \text{DSBSC} = \frac{1}{2} V_m V_c [\underbrace{\cos 2\pi(f_c + f_m)t}_{\text{USB}} + \underbrace{\cos 2\pi(f_c - f_m)t}_{\text{LSB}}]$$

② SSB-SC

Adv → Power saving is more ie. 83.33%

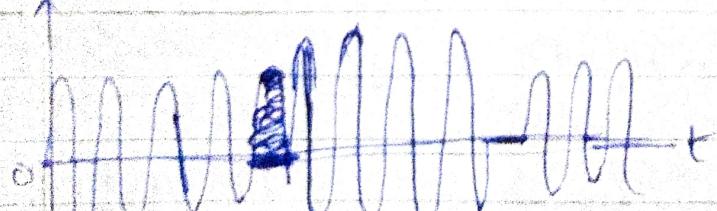
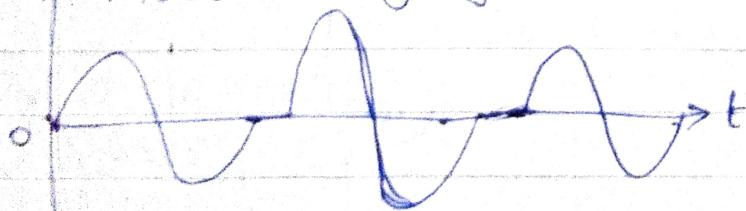
$$\% \text{ power saving} = \frac{P_c [1 + \frac{m^2}{4}]}{P_c [1 + \frac{m^2}{2}]} = \frac{1}{4}$$

→ B.W. efficient.
∴ B.W. $\leq f_m$

for 100% modulation $m=1$

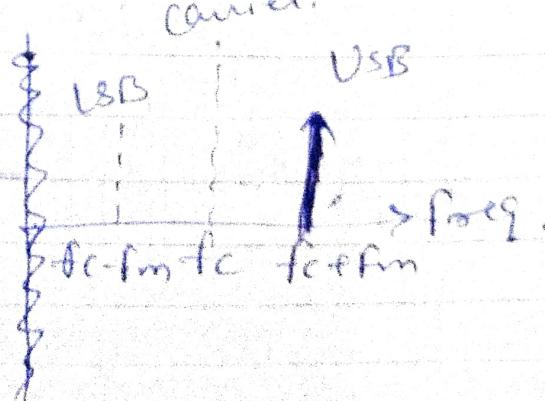
$$\text{Time domain} \quad \therefore \text{Power saving} = \frac{1 - 2.5}{1.5} = 83.33\%$$

modulating sig.



SSB SC signal.

Frequency domain

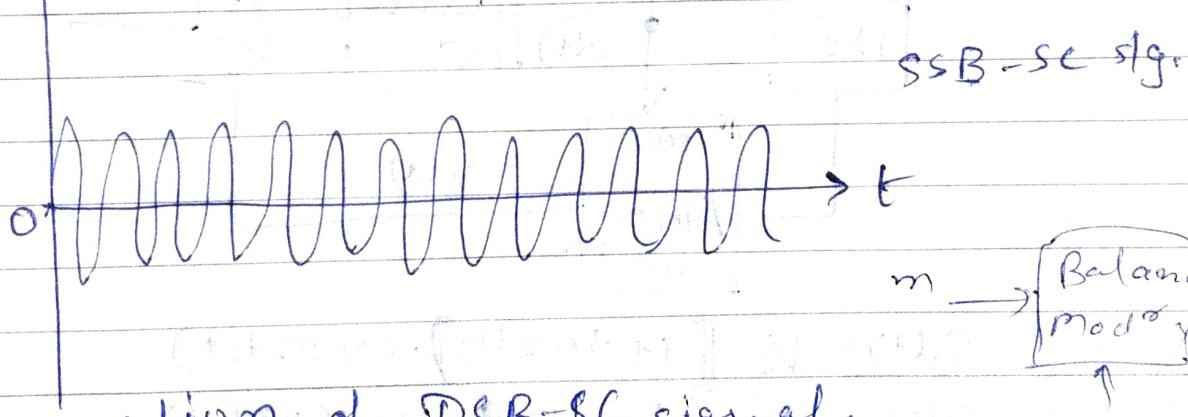
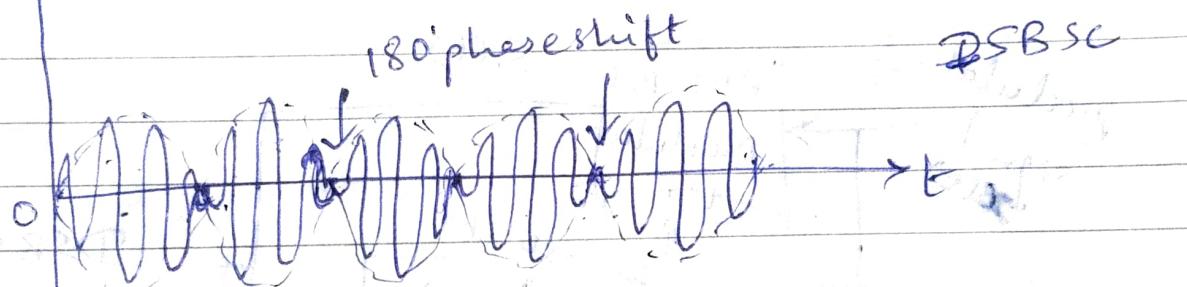
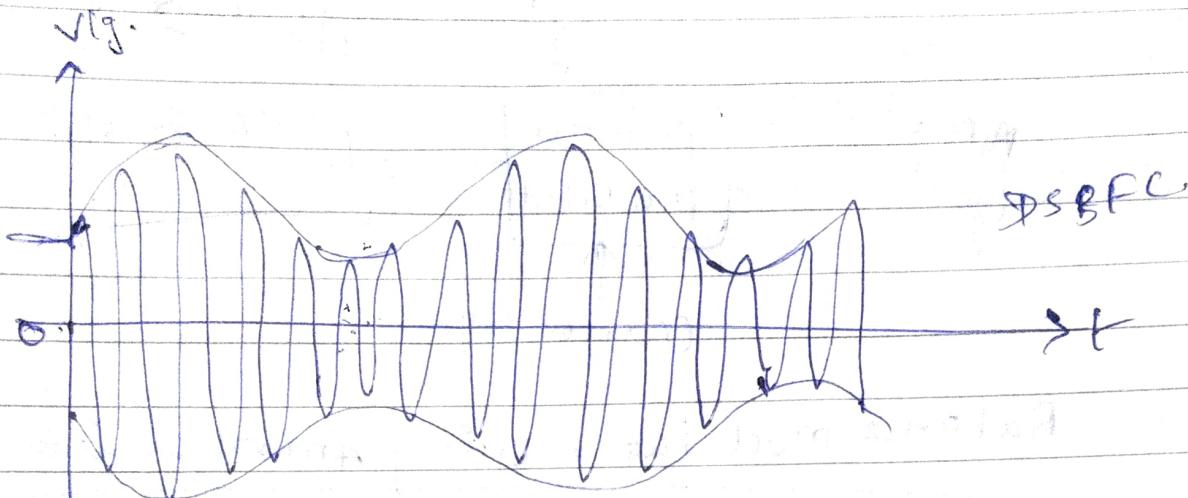


$$\cos A \cdot \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)]$$

$$A_m = V_c \cos(\omega_c t) + \frac{V_m}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t$$

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$$\text{SSB SC signal expression} = \cos(\omega_c \pm \omega_m)t$$



Generation of DSB-SC signal.



1 →

Multiplier Modulator

modulating
sig.
 $\sin \omega_m t$.

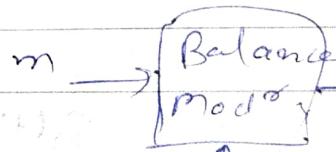
multiplier
Carrier sig.
 $\cos \omega_c t$

DSB-SC

$$\text{multiplier o/p} = \sin \omega_m t \cdot \cos \omega_c t$$

$$2 \cos A \sin B = \sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)$$

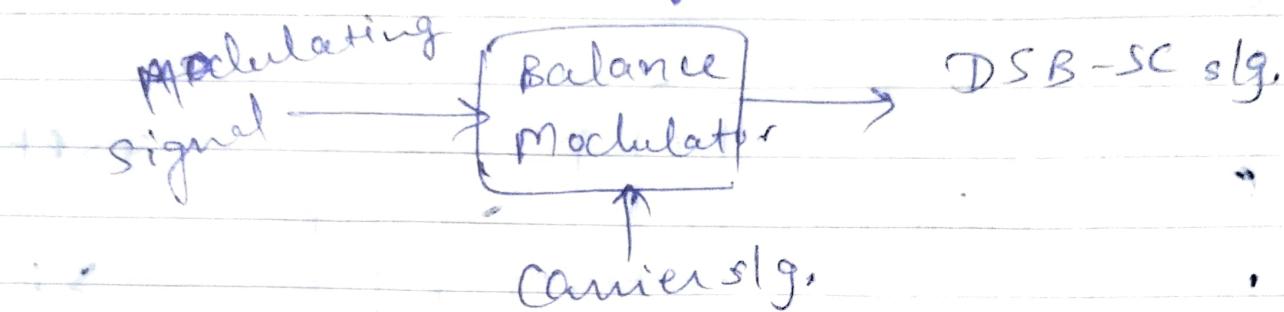
$$\therefore \text{multiplier o/p} = \frac{1}{2} [\sin((\omega_c + \omega_m)t) - \sin((\omega_c - \omega_m)t)]$$



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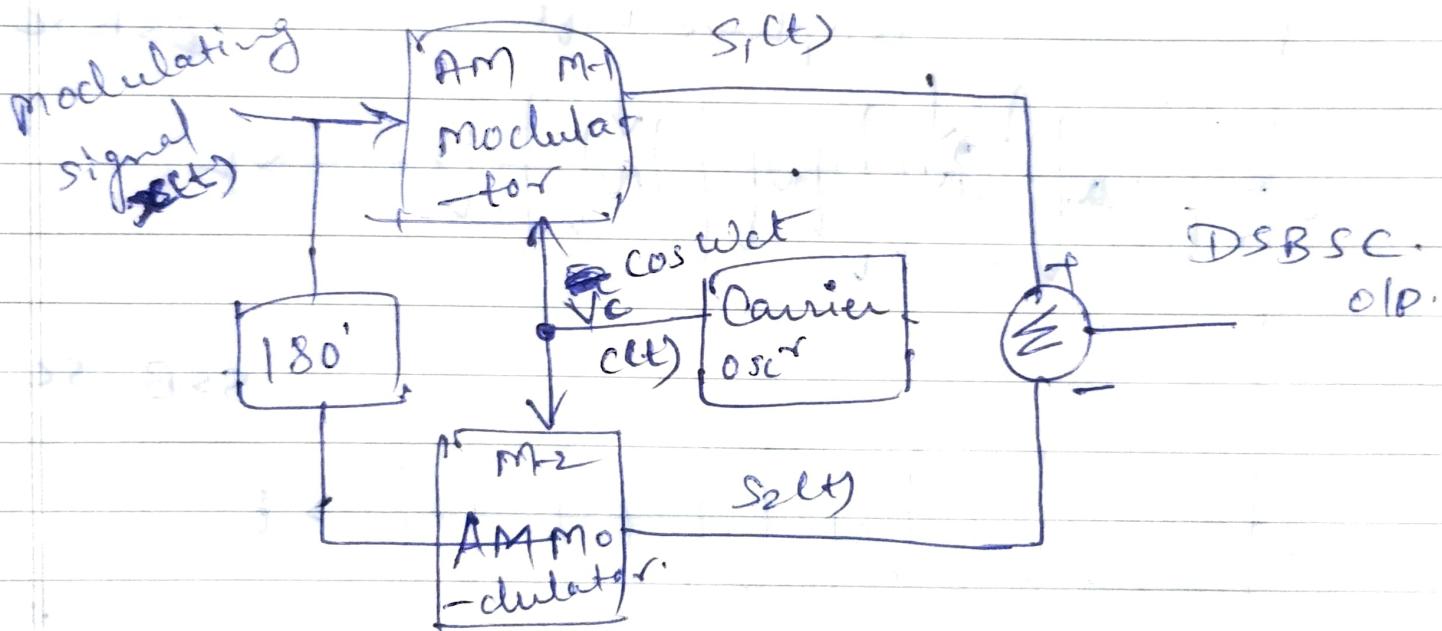
Balance modulator

nonlinear device like
diode or JFET



③

Balance Modulator Using AM modulator



$$S_1(t) = V_c [1 + m \cos(\omega_m t)] \cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

$$S_2(t) = V_c [1 - m \cos(\omega_m t)] \cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

$$\text{Subtractor O/p.} = S_1(t) - S_2(t)$$

$$= 2m V_c \cos(\omega_m t) \cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

SSBSC

Filter method

Advantages

- Simpler method compared to other.
- Suppresses the carrier & one of the sideband.

Disadvantages

- For
- Generation of SSB at high freq., up conversion is required.
 - Low audio freq. can't be used because filter becomes bulky.

Phase shift method

Advantages

- Generate SSB at any freq. \therefore Up conversion is not req.
- low audio freq. can be used.
- Easily switched from one sideband to other.

Disadvantages

- 90° phase shifting of signal is practically difficult to achieve 90° phase shift.

Third Method

Advantage → All advantages of phaseshift method.

Disadvantage → Complex & not used commercially.

Using a Nonlinear Resistance Device The relationship between voltage and current in a linear resistance is given by

$$i = bv \quad (3.67)$$

where b is some constant of proportionality. If the above equation refers to a resistor, then b is obviously its conductance.

In a nonlinear resistance, the current is still to a certain extent proportional to the applied voltage, but no longer directly as before. If the curve of current versus voltage is plotted, as in Fig. 3.13, it is found that there is now some curvature in it. The previous linear relation seems to apply to certain point, after which current increases more (or less) rapidly with voltage. Whether the increase is more or less rapid depends on whether the device begins to saturate, or else some sort of avalanche current multiplication takes place. Current now becomes proportional not only to voltage but also to the square, cube and higher powers of voltage. This nonlinear relation is most conveniently expressed as

$$i = a + bv + cv^2 + dv^3 + \text{higher powers} \quad (3.68)$$

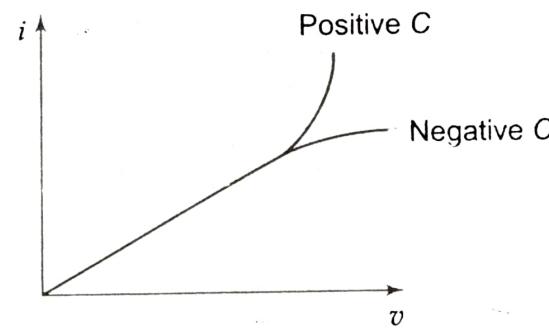


Fig. 3.13 Nonlinear resistance characteristics.

The reason that the initial portion of the graph is linear is simply that the coefficient c is much smaller than b . A typical numerical equation might well be something like $i = 5 + 15v + 0.2v^2$, in which case curvature is insignificant until v equals at least 3. Therefore, c in practical nonlinear resistances is much greater than d , which is in turn larger than the constants preceding the higher-power terms. Only the square term is large enough to be taken into consideration for most applications, so that we are left with

$$i = a + bv + cv^2 \quad (3.69)$$

where a represents some dc component, b represents conductance and c is the coefficient of nonlinearity. Since Equation (3.69) is generally adequate in relating the output current to the input voltage of a nonlinear

resistance, it can be used for studying the AM signal generation process by a device that exhibit nonlinear resistance. The devices like diodes, transistors and field effect transistors (FET) can be biased with suitable voltage to constrain them to exhibit the negative resistance property.

Figure 3.14 shows the circuit in which modulating voltage v_m and carrier voltage v_c are applied in series at the input of the diode. The output of the diode is collected via a tuned circuit tuned to the carrier frequency with bandwidth of twice the message bandwidth.

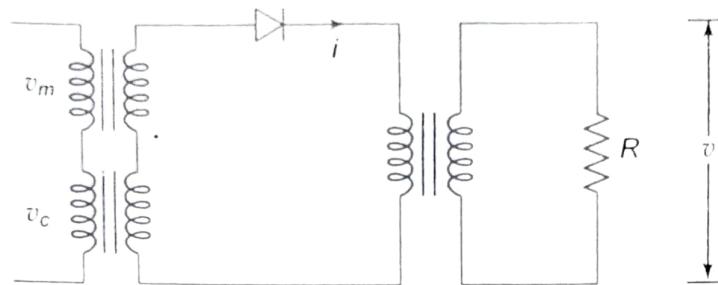


Fig. 3.14 Generation of AM signal using nonlinear resistance characteristics of diode.

The diode is biased such that it exhibits the negative resistance property. Under this condition, its output current is given by

$$i = a + b(v_m + v_c) + c(v_m + v_c)^2 = a + b(v_m + v_c) + c(v_m^2 + v_c^2 + 2v_m v_c) \quad (3.70)$$

Substituting for $v_m = V_m \sin \omega_m t$ and $v_c = V_c \sin \omega_c t$ we get,

$$i = a + b(V_m \sin \omega_m t + V_c \sin \omega_c t) + c(V_m^2 \sin^2 \omega_m t + V_c^2 \sin^2 \omega_c t + 2V_m V_c \sin \omega_m t \sin \omega_c t) \quad (3.71)$$

Using the trigonometric expressions, $\sin x \sin y = 1/2 [\cos(x - y) - \cos(x + y)]$ and $\sin^2 x = 1/2(1 - \cos 2x)$ we get,

$$\begin{aligned} i &= a + b(V_m \sin \omega_m t + V_c \sin \omega_c t) + c(V_m^2/2(1 - \cos 2\omega_m t) + V_c^2/2(1 - \cos 2\omega_c t) \\ &\quad + V_m V_c (\cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t + \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t)) \end{aligned} \quad (3.72)$$

$$\begin{aligned} i &= (a + cV_m^2/2 + cV_c^2/2) + bV_m \sin \omega_m t + bV_c \sin \omega_c t - (1/2 cV_m^2 \cos 2\omega_m t \\ &\quad + 1/2 cV_c^2 \cos 2\omega_c t) + cV_m V_c \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t + cV_m V_c \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \end{aligned} \quad (3.73)$$

In the above equation the first term is the dc component, second term is message, third term is carrier, fourth term contains the harmonics of message and carrier, fifth term represents the lower sideband and sixth term represents the upper sideband. The requisite AM components can be selected by using the tuning circuit that resonates at the carrier frequency with a bandwidth equal to twice the message bandwidth. At the output of the tuning circuit the current will be

$$i = bV_c \sin \omega_c t + cV_m V_c \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - cV_m V_c \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.74)$$

If R is the load resistance, then the amplitude modulated voltage is given by

$$v = iR = V_c \sin \omega_c t + cRV_c \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - cRV_c \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.75)$$

$$v = iR = V_c \sin \omega_c t + c' \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - c' \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.76)$$

3.3.2 Generation of DSBSC Signal

Using Analog Multiplier The conceptual way to realize the generation of DSBSC signal is with the help of an analog multiplier as shown in Fig. 3.15.

The output of the analog multiplier is given by

$$v = v_m v_c = V_m \sin \omega_m t V_c \sin \omega_c t = \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.77)$$

Thus at the output of the analog multiplier we have the DSBSC signal.

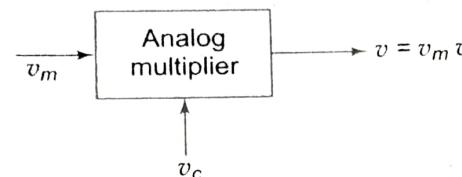


Fig. 3.15 Block diagram representation of generation of DSBSC signal using analog multiplier.

Using a Balanced Modulator A **balanced modulator** can be constructed using the non-linear devices like diodes and transistors. The balanced modulator using the diodes is given in Fig. 3.16. The diodes use the nonlinear resistance property for generating modulated signals. Both the diodes receive the carrier voltage in phase; whereas the modulating voltage appears 180° out of phase at the input of diodes, since they are at the opposite ends of a center-tapped transformer. The modulated output currents of the two diodes are combined in the center-tapped primary of the output transformer. They therefore subtract, as indicated by the direction of the arrows in the Fig. 3.16. If this system is made completely symmetrical, the carrier frequency will be completely canceled. No system can of course be perfectly symmetrical in practice, so that the carrier will be heavily suppressed rather than completely removed. The output of the balanced modulator contains the two sidebands and some of the miscellaneous components which are taken care of by tuning the output transformer's secondary winding. The final output consists only of sidebands.

As indicated, the input voltage will be $(v_c + v_m)$ at the input of diode D_1 and $(v_c - v_m)$ at the input of diode D_2 . If perfect symmetry is assumed, the proportionality constants will be the same for

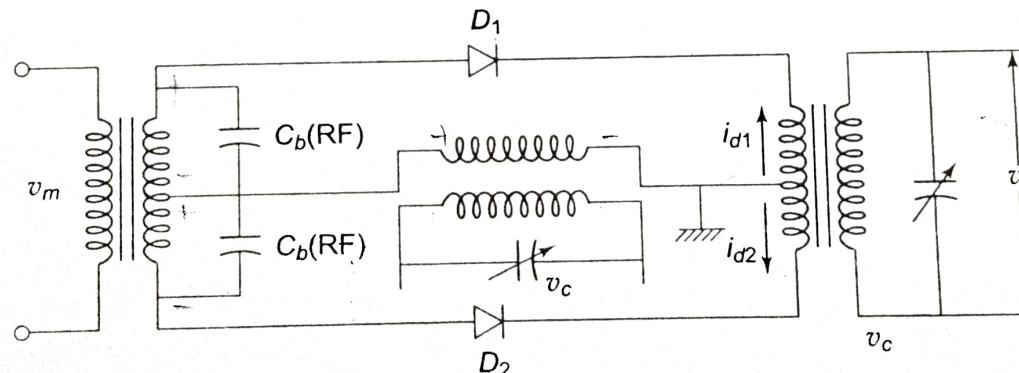


Fig. 3.16 Generation of DSBSC signal using balanced modulator based on nonlinear resistance characteristics of diode.

both diodes and may be called a , b , and c as before. The two diode output currents will be

$$i_{d1} = a + b(v_c + v_m) + c(v_c + v_m)^2 \quad (3.78)$$

$$i_{d1} = a + bv_c + bv_m + cv_c^2 + cv_m^2 + 2cv_m v_c \quad (3.79)$$

$$i_{d2} = a + b(v_c - v_m) + c(v_c - v_m)^2 \quad (3.80)$$

$$i_{d2} = a + bv_c - bv_m + cv_c^2 + cv_m^2 - 2cv_m v_c \quad (3.81)$$

As previously indicated, the primary current is given by the difference between the individual diode output currents. Thus

$$i_1 = i_{d1} - i_{d2} = 2bv_m + 4cv_m v_c \quad (3.82)$$

Substituting for v_m and v_c and simplifying we get

$$i_1 = 2bV_m \sin \omega_m t + 4c \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - 4c \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.83)$$

The output voltage v_0 is proportional to this primary current. Let the constant of proportionality be α then

$$v_0 = \alpha i_1 = 2b\alpha V_m \sin \omega_m t + 4\alpha c \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - 4\alpha c \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.84)$$

Let $P = 2\alpha b V_m$ and $Q = 2\alpha c \frac{mV_c}{2}$. Then

$$v_0 = Ps \in \omega_m t + 2Q \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - 2Q \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.85)$$

This equation shows that the carrier has been canceled out, leaving only the two sidebands and the modulating frequencies. The tuning of the output transformer will remove the modulating frequencies from the output.

$$v_0 = 2Q \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - 2Q \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.86)$$

3.3.3 Generation of SSB Signal

Using Analog Multiplier The conceptual way to realize the generation of SSB signal is with the help of an analog multiplier followed by a bandpass filter as shown in Fig. 3.17.

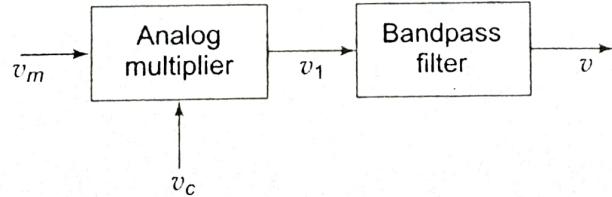


Fig. 3.17 Block-diagram representation of generation of SSB signal using analog multiplier.

The output of the analog multiplier is given by

$$v_1' = v_m v_c = V_m \sin \omega_m t V_c \sin \omega_c t = \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.87)$$

Thus at the output of the analog multiplier we have the DSBSC signal. This signal is passed through a

bandpass filter which, depending on the cut-off frequencies, will attenuate one sideband and allows the other to pass through. If the lower sideband is passed out then the output of the bandpass filter will be

$$v = \frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t. \quad (3.88)$$

Alternatively, if upper sideband is passed out, then the output of the bandpass filter will be

$$v = -\frac{mV_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t. \quad (3.89)$$

This results in the generation of SSB signal.

Using the Filter Method The basis for the filter method is that after the balanced modulator the unwanted sideband is removed by a filter. The block diagram for the filter method of SSB generation is given in Fig. 3.18. The balanced modulator generates the DSBSC signal and the sideband suppression filter suppresses the unwanted sideband and allows the wanted sideband.

As derived in the previous section, the output of the balanced modulator is

$$v_1' = 2\alpha c V_m V_c (\cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t) \quad (3.90)$$

The sideband suppression filter is basically a bandpass filter that has a flat bandpass and extremely high attenuation outside the bandpass. Depending on the cut-off frequency values we can represent the output of the filter as

$$v = 2\alpha c V_m V_c \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t \quad (3.91)$$

or

$$v = -2\alpha c V_m V_c \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t \quad (3.92)$$

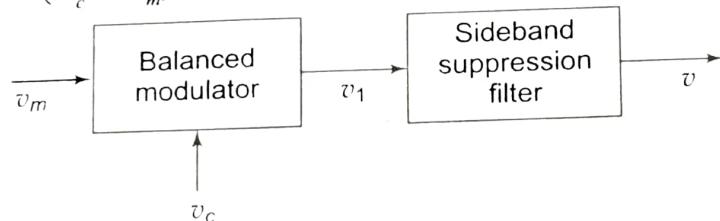


Fig. 3.18 Block diagram representation of generation of SSB signal using filter method.

In this way SSB is generated in case of filter method.

Using the Phase Shift Method The phase shift method avoids filters and some of their inherent disadvantages, and instead makes use of two balanced modulators and two phase shifting networks, as shown in Fig. 3.19. One of the balanced modulators, M_1 , receives the 90° phase shifted carrier and in phase message signal, whereas the other, M_2 , is fed with the 90° phase shifted message and in phase carrier signal. Both the modulators produce the two sidebands. One of the sidebands, namely, the upper sideband will be in phase in both the modulators, whereas, the lower sideband will be out of phase. Thus by suitable polarity for M_2 output and adding with M_1 output results in suppressing one of the sidebands.

Let $v_m = V_m \sin \omega_m t$ be the message and $v_c = V_c \sin \omega_c t$ be the carrier. The 90° phase shifted versions of them are $V_m \cos \omega_m t$ and $V_c \cos \omega_c t$, respectively.

The output of the balanced modulator M_1 is given by

$$v_1 = V_m V_c \sin \omega_c t \cos \omega_m t = \frac{V_m V_c}{2} (\sin(\omega_c + \omega_m)t + \sin(\omega_c - \omega_m)t)$$

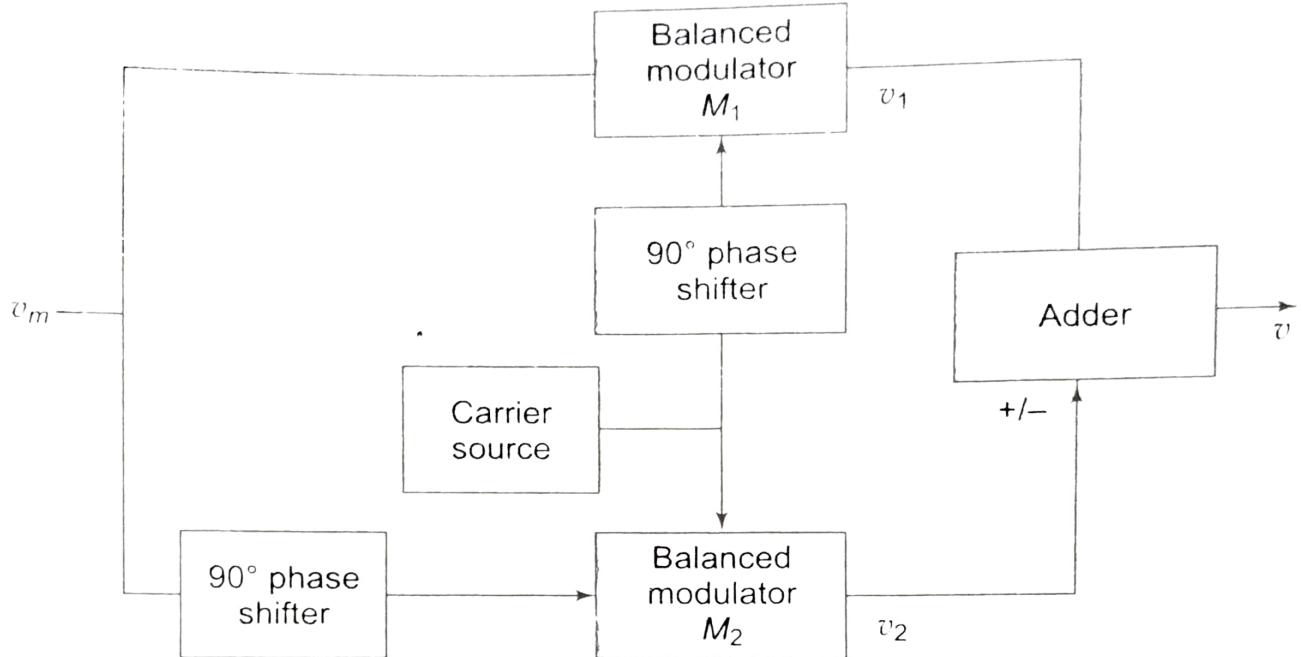


Fig. 3.19 Block diagram representation of generation of SSB signal using phase shift method.

The output of the balanced modulator M_2 is given by

$$v_2 = V_m V_c \cos \omega_m t \sin \omega_c t = \frac{V_m V_c}{2} (\sin(\omega_c + \omega_m)t - \sin(\omega_c - \omega_m)t)$$

The output of the adder is

$$v = v_1 \pm v_2$$

In one case we have

$$v = V_m V_c \sin(\omega_c + \omega_m)t$$

In the other case we have

$$v = V_m V_c \sin(\omega_c - \omega_m)t$$

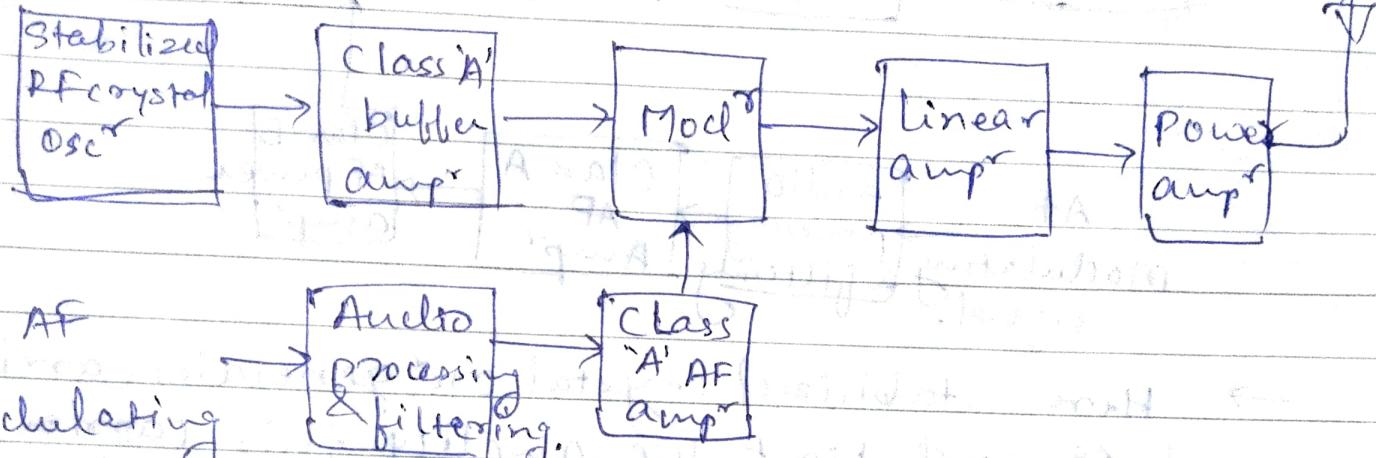
Thus resulting in the generation of SSB signal.

AM Transmitters.

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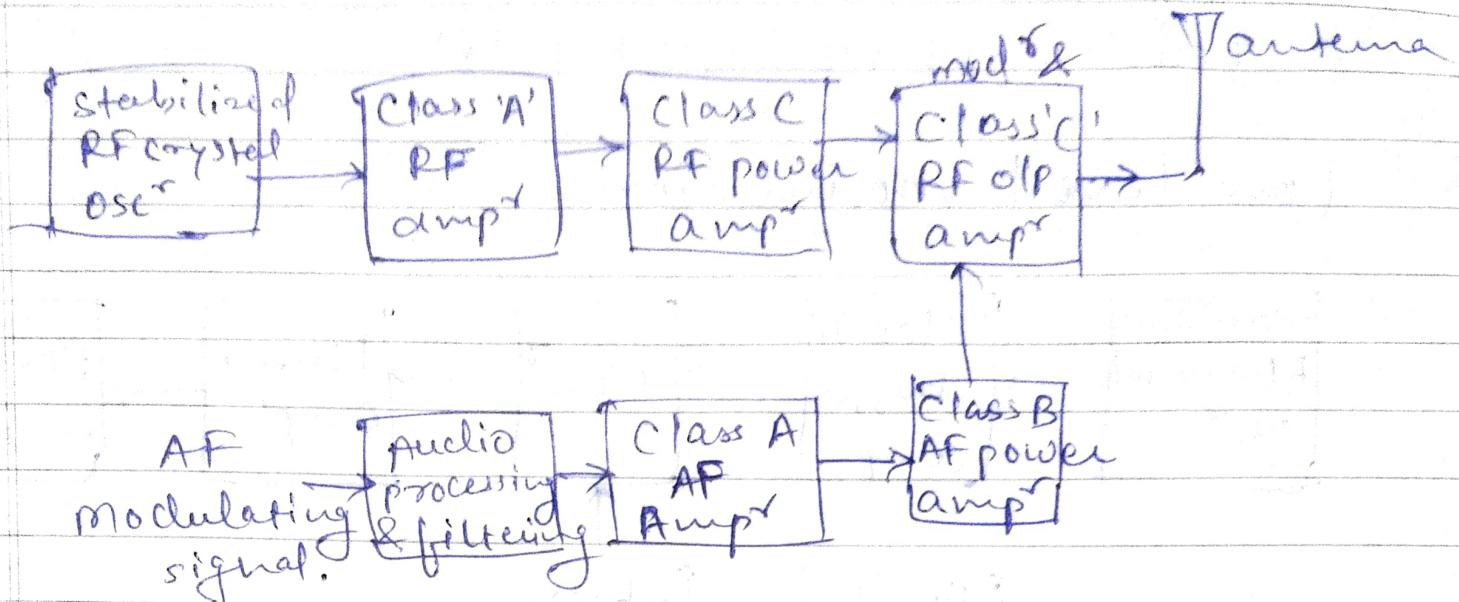
- High level modulated T_x^r
- Low level modulated T_x^r

Low level modulation



- RF osc produces carrier signal in order to maintain carrier frequency deviation within prescribed limit. Carrier freq. is same as transmitting freq.
- Amplified modulating signal is applied to modulator along with carrier. At the o/p we get AM wave.
- This AM sig is amplified using chain of linear amplifiers to increase its power level. It can be of Class A, B or AB. Linear amplifiers are used in order to avoid waveform distortion in AM wave.
- This AM sig is then transmitted using T_x^r antenna.
- Transistorized modulator ckt's are generally used for low level modulators ~~as it can handle~~ low power.
- Designing is simple but efficiency is less.

A) High level modulation



- Here stabilized crystal osc generates carrier freq and first we amplify this carrier freq & modulating freq. to an adequate level using class 'C' & class 'B' power amplifiers respectively.
- If we want 100% modulation then modulating sig must be 33% of total power.
- Modulation takes place in last class 'C' RF amplifier. At OLP of this modulator we are getting AM wave.
- Here we use collector modulated transistorized ckt or plate modulated vacuum tube as as modulators.
- ~~Efficiency is~~ Efficiency is ^{high} because of class 'C' amp & power level is also high.

* Types.

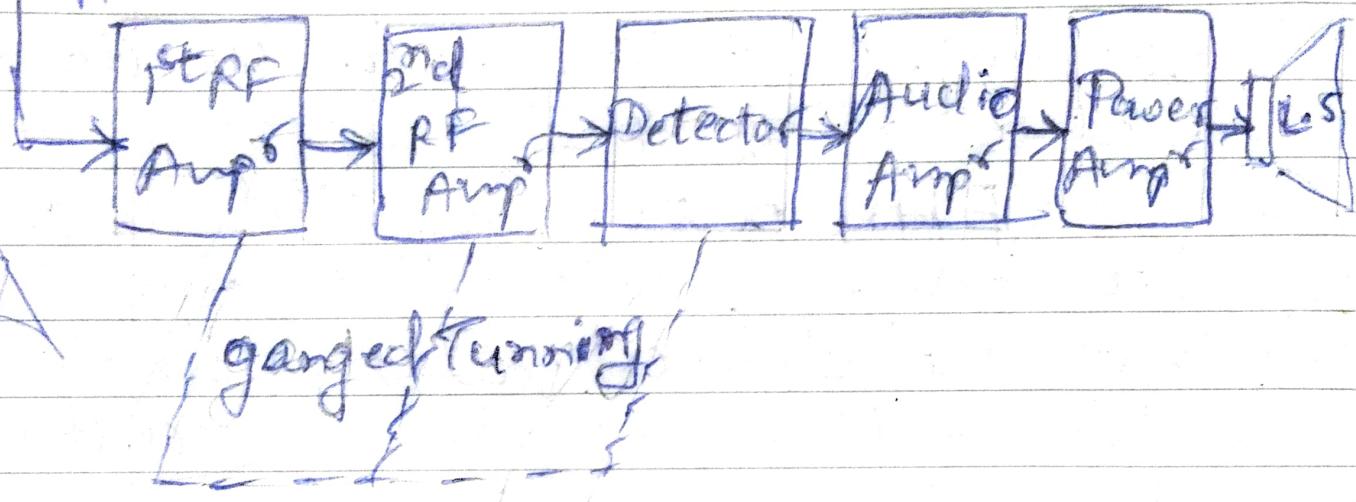
- (1) Tuned radio freq. (TRF) receiver.
- (2) Superheterodyne radio receiver.

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Block diagram

Block diagram TRF with comparison superheterodyne

Receiving Antenna



(1) RFamp → TRF radio receiver uses two or three stages of RF amp all tuned simultaneously to the desired signal freq. so that these stages provide selection as well as amplification to the incoming signal.

(2) Detector → Detector is nothing but the demodulator. It recovers the original information i.e. audio.

Extracting signal from the amplified amplitude modulated signal.

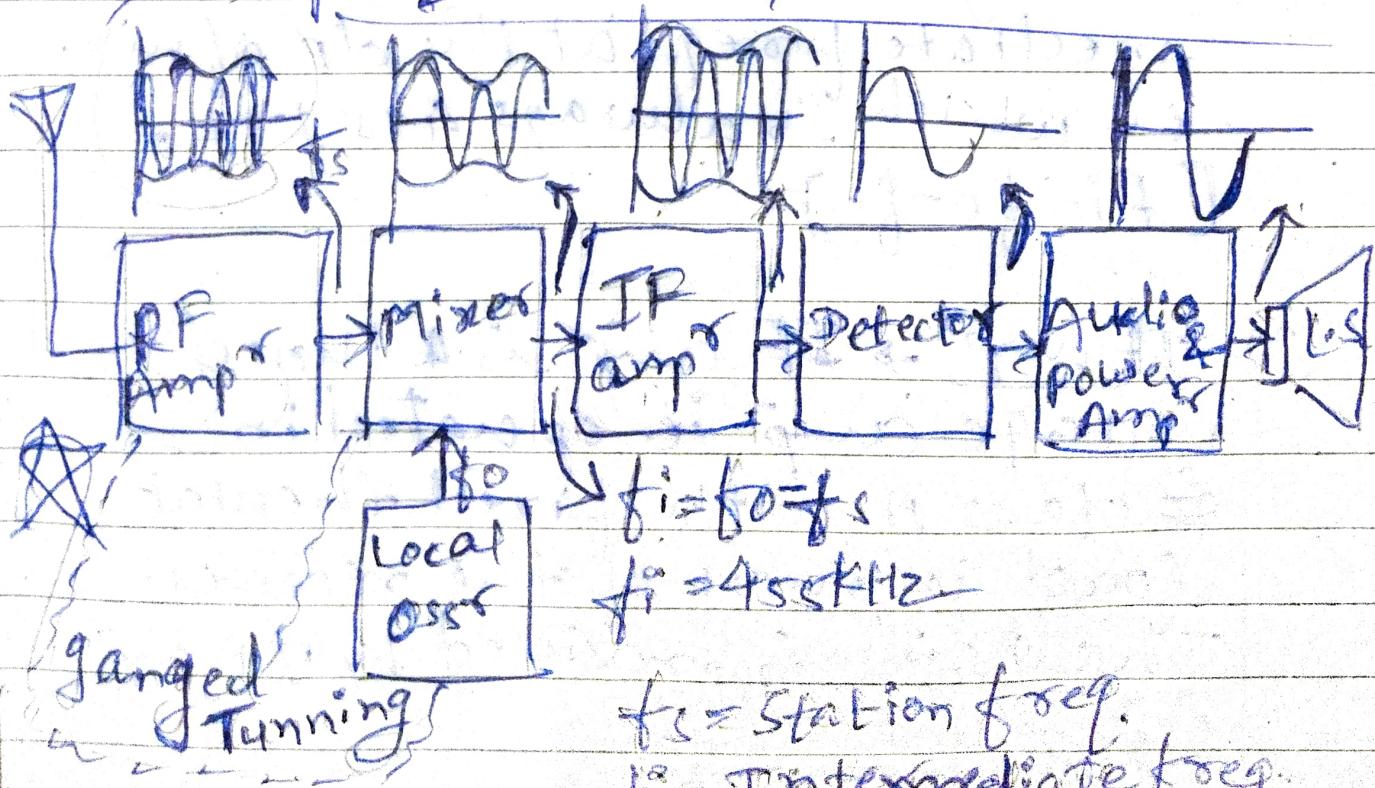
(3) Audion Power amp \rightarrow The demodulator.

Demodulated signal (audio) is amplified by the AF amp & power amp stages and fed to the loudspeaker & it converts electrical signal into sound signal.

* Draw back of TRF radio receiver.

- (1) Instability in gain.
- (2) Insufficient adjacent freq. rejection.
- (3) Bandwidth variation.

* Superhetrodyne radio receiver.



$$f_S = \text{Station freq.}$$

$$f_I = \text{Intermediate freq.}$$

Improving Selectivity Reducing the adjacent channel interference.

(1) RF amp → This tuned voltage amp coupled through the antenna to the mixer. It selects the desired signal from the antenna & amplifies them. This stage improves the sensitivity & selectivity of the radio receiver. It also isolates local oscillator circuit from the antenna thereby preventing the local oscillator energy.

(2) Mixer & local oscillator (conversion stage)
It is a conversion stage in super heterodyne receiver. The RF amp, mixer, & the local oscillator are gang-tuned together to produce intermediate freq. at the diff of mixer which is always 455 kHz ($f_i = f_o - f_s$).

(3) IF amp → IF amp is a tuned voltage amp ie. operated in class A with fixed rheostat load in most of the receiver. The gain is provided by IF amp.

(4) Detector → The amplified signal is fed to the ~~demodulator~~ detector or demodulator. It recovers the original information from the amplitude modulated wave.

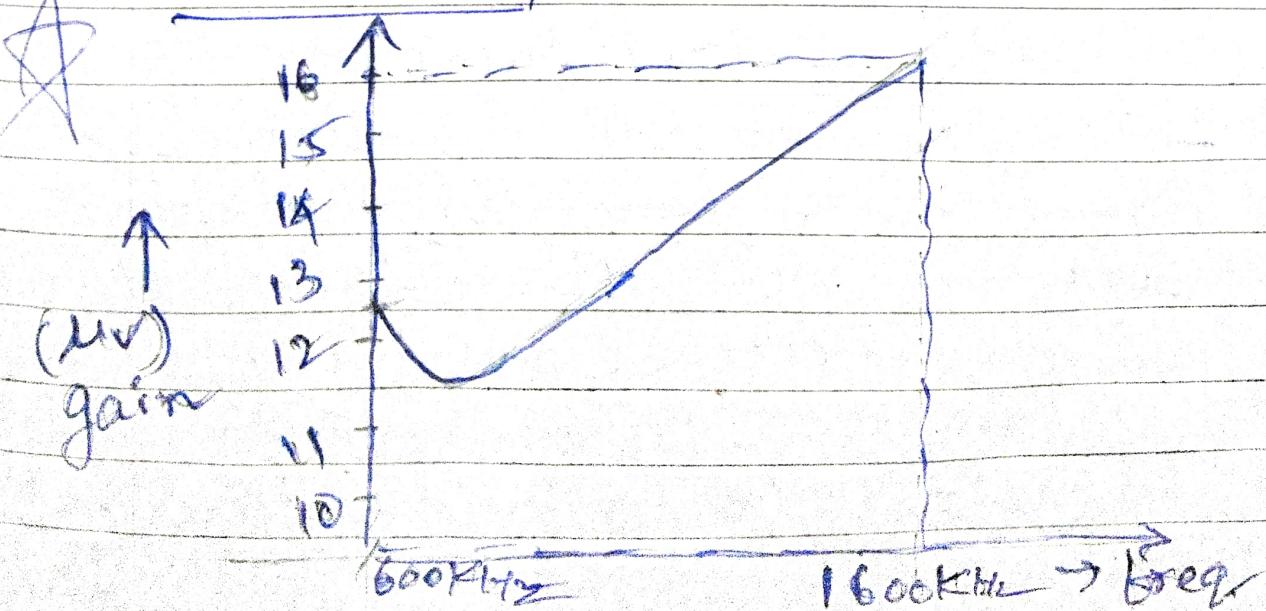
(5) Audio & Power amp.

Audio amp amplifies the incoming signal & power amp generates the required power to drive the loud speaker.

(6) Coupling speakers → It converts electrical energy into sound energy.

Parameters of AM radio receiver.

* Sensitivity



Sensitivity of the radio receiver is to amplify the weak signal. Mathematically the sensitivity of radio receiver is defined as a carrier voltage which must be applied to the receiver input terminal.

Sensitivity of a radio receiver is expressed in microvolts & millivolts or in decibels below one volt.

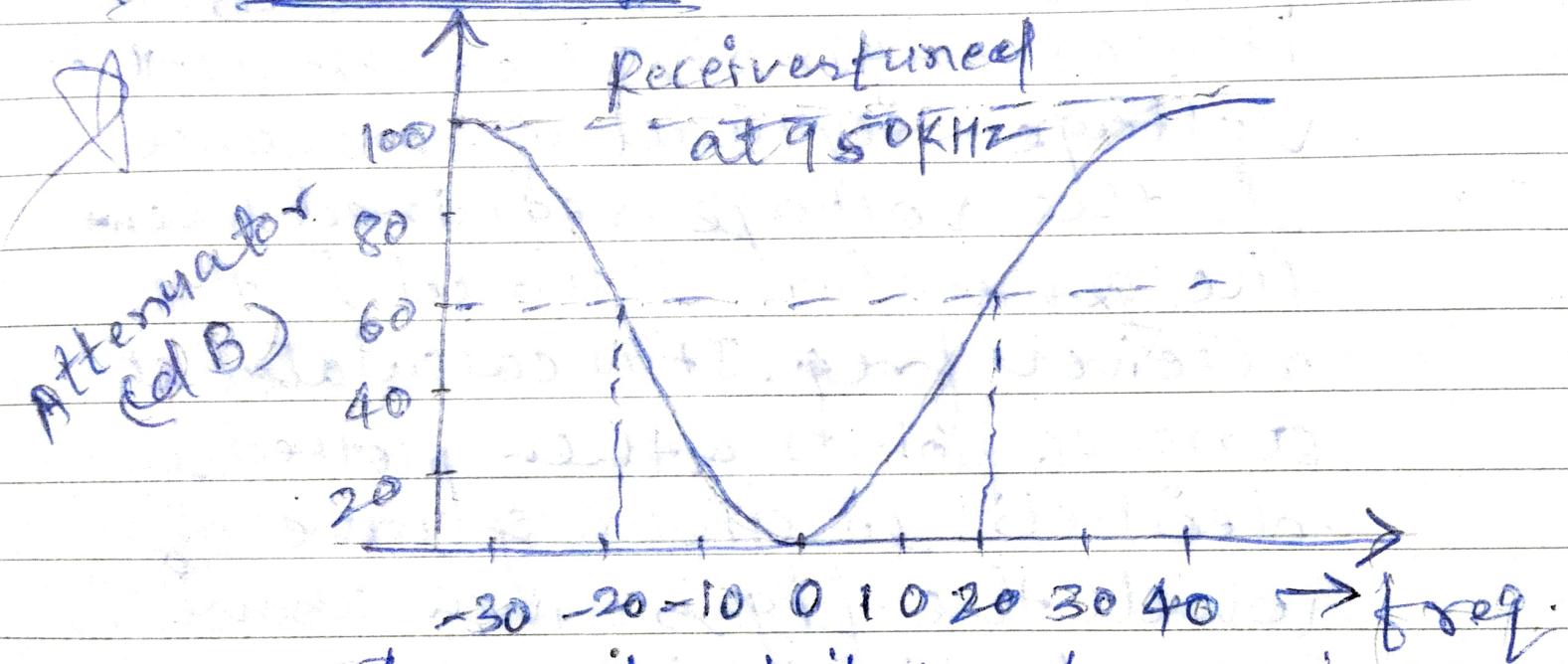
The sensitivity may be measured at various carrier frequencies in a given band. From the graph it is seen that sensitivity varies over the tuning band. At 1600 Hz this particular receiver has a sensitivity of 12.7 Microvolts or -98 decibel volts (below 1volt). Sometimes sensitivity definition is extended & the manufacturer of this receiver may quote to be 12.7 Microvolts for signal to noise ratio of 20 dB in

the op of the receiver.

~~Frequency response~~

The most important factor determining the sensitivity of superhetodyne receiver are the gain of the ~~IF~~ ^{I_F} amp & that of the RF amp.

* Selectivity



The selectivity of receiver is its ability to reject the unwanted signals. It is expressed as a curve such as the fig. shows.

The attenuation that the receiver offers to the signal at frequencies near to the one to which it is tuned. Selectivity is measured at the end of the sensitivity test.

with conditions the same as for sensitivity except that now the freq. of the generator is varied to either side of freq. to which the receiver is tuned. The d.p. of the receiver naturally falls, since the ilp freq. is now incorrect. The ilp voltage must be used until the d.p. is same as it was original. The ratio of the voltage required of resonance to the voltage required when the generator is tuned to the receiver freq. It is calculated at a no. of points & then plotted in decibels to give a curve of which the fig is given above.

Looking at the curve we see that, at 20 kHz below the receiver tuned freq & the interfering signal would have to be 60dB greater than the wanted signal to come out with the same amplitude.

Selectivity varies with the receiver freq; if ordinary tuned

$$f_i = f_0 - f_s$$

$$f_{si} = f_0 + f_i$$

$$f_{si} = f_s + 2f_i$$

hence

TOTAL

Circuits are used in the IF section & becomes somewhat worse when the receiving freq is raised. In general it is determined by the response of the RF section, with the mixer & RF amp / IP ckts place a small but significant part. It should be noted that its selectivity determines adjacent channels rejection of a receiver.

Q) Image freq. and its rejection.

In a translocal broadcast receiver the local oscillator freq. is made higher than the incoming signal freq. For reasons that will become apparent, it is made equal at all times to the signal freq. plus the intermediate freq.

$$f_0 = f_s + f_i$$

If the freq. f_{si} manages to reach the mixer such that,

$$f_{si} = f_0 + f_i \rightarrow ①$$

$$\text{i.e. } f_{si} = f_s + f_i + f_i : f_0 = f_s + f_i$$

$$\therefore f_{si} = f_s + 2f_i$$

where, f_{si} = image freq.

Then this freq. will also produce 'f_i' when mixed with 'f_o'. This IF signal can also be amplified by the IF stage, & will so provide interference.

The term 'f_{si}' is called as image freq. & is defined as the signal freq. plus twice the intermediate freq. i.e. $f_{si} = f_s + 2f_i$.

A) Image freq. rejection.

To avoid interference due to image freq. signal it is necessary that these signals do not reach the mixer. This can be achieved firstly by using the no. of tuned ckt's. betw the antenna & mixer & secondly by giving there selectivity against image freq. signals.

* choice of Intermediate freq.

The following are the major factors affecting the choice of Intermediate freq. in a particular system.

- 1) If the IF is too high, poor selectivity & poor adjacent channel rejection.
- 2) A high value of Intermediate freq. poses tracking difficulties.
- 3) As the intermediate freq. is lowered image freq. rejection becomes poor.
- (4) If the IF is very low the freq. stability of local oscillator must be made correspondingly higher because any freq. drift is now larger proportion of the lower IF than the higher IF.
- 5) IF must not fall within the tuning range of the receiver, or else the instability will occur & hydrodyne whistle will be heard, making it possible to tune the freq. band.