

# FREQUENCY MODULATION SIGNAL GENERATION

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We have message signal:

$$V_m(t) = V_m \cos(2\pi f_m t) \quad (1)$$

Which  $V_m$  is amplitude of message signal and  $f_m$  is frequency of message signal. And then, we have carrier signal:

$$V_c(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t) \quad (2)$$

Which  $V_c$  is amplitude of carrier signal and  $f_c$  is frequency of carrier signal. Then, the FM modulated signal is:

$$V_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + \beta \sin(2\pi f_m t)) \quad (3)$$

Which  $\beta$  is modulation index:

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta f_c}{f_m} \quad (4)$$

$\Delta f_c$  is frequency deviation:

$$\Delta f_c = k_f \cdot V_m \quad (5)$$

And  $k_f$  is frequency sensitivity constant.

For example purpose, let's assume we have  $V_m = 2 \text{ volt}$ ,  $f_m = 10 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $V_c = 2 \text{ volt}$ ,  $f_c = 100 \text{ Hz}$ , and  $k_f = 10 \text{ Hz/volt}$ . And then, we got:

Message signal:

$$V_m(t) = 2 \cos(2\pi 10t)$$

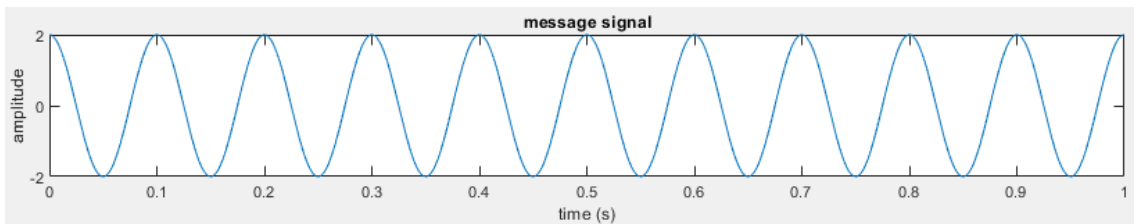


Figure 1. Message signal

Carrier signal:

$$V_c(t) = 2 \cos(2\pi 100t)$$

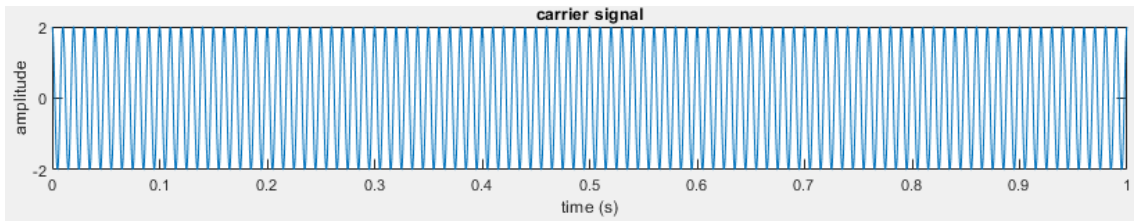


Figure 2. Carrier signal

Frequency deviation:

$$\Delta_{fc} = 10 \frac{\text{Hz}}{\text{volt}} \cdot 2 \text{ volt} = 20 \text{ Hz}$$

Bandwidth (using Carson rule):

$$\begin{aligned} B &\cong 2(\Delta_{fc} + f_m) \\ B &\cong 2(20 \text{ Hz} + 10 \text{ Hz}) \cong 60 \text{ Hz} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Modulation index:

$$\beta = \frac{20 \text{ Hz}}{10 \text{ Hz}} = 2$$

FM modulated signal:

$$V_{FM}(t) = 2 \cos(2\pi 100t + 2 \sin(2\pi 10t))$$

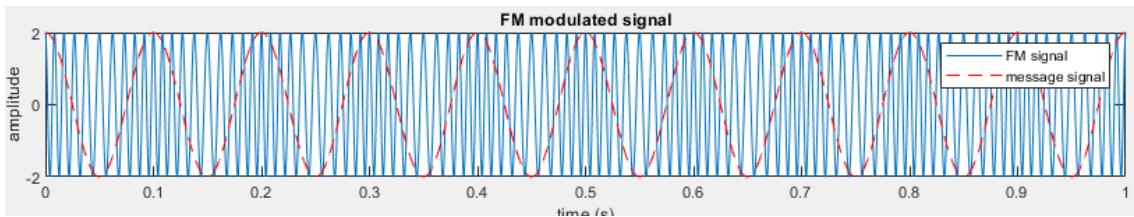


Figure 3. FM Modulated signal

If we represent it in Bessel function, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{FM}(t) &= V_c \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\beta) \cos((\omega_c + n \cdot \omega_m) t) \\ V_{FM}(t) &= 2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(2) \cos(2\pi(100 + 10n) t) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

By looking at the Bessel function table for  $\beta = 2$ ,

Table 1. Bessel functions

Modulation index	Sideband amplitude																
	Carrier	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
0.00	1.00																
0.25	0.98	0.12															
0.5	0.94	0.24	0.03														
1.0	0.77	0.44	0.11	0.02													
1.5	0.51	0.56	0.23	0.06	0.01												
2.0	0.22	0.58	0.35	0.13	0.03												
2.41	0.00	0.52	0.43	0.20	0.06	0.02											
2.5	-0.05	0.50	0.45	0.22	0.07	0.02	0.01										
3.0	-0.26	0.34	0.49	0.31	0.13	0.04	0.01										
4.0	-0.40	-0.07	0.36	0.43	0.28	0.13	0.05	0.02									
5.0	-0.18	-0.33	0.05	0.36	0.39	0.26	0.13	0.05	0.02								
5.53	0.00	-0.34	-0.13	0.25	0.40	0.32	0.19	0.09	0.03	0.01							
6.0	0.15	-0.28	-0.24	0.11	0.36	0.36	0.25	0.13	0.06	0.02							
7.0	0.30	0.00	-0.30	-0.17	0.16	0.35	0.34	0.23	0.13	0.06	0.02						
8.0	0.17	0.23	-0.11	-0.29	-0.10	0.19	0.34	0.32	0.22	0.13	0.06	0.03					
8.65	0.00	0.27	0.06	-0.24	-0.23	0.03	0.26	0.34	0.28	0.18	0.10	0.05	0.02				
9.0	-0.09	0.25	0.14	-0.18	-0.27	-0.06	0.20	0.33	0.31	0.21	0.12	0.06	0.03	0.01			
10.0	-0.25	0.04	0.25	0.06	-0.22	-0.23	-0.01	0.22	0.32	0.29	0.21	0.12	0.06	0.03	0.01		
12.0	0.05	-0.22	-0.08	0.20	0.18	-0.07	-0.24	-0.17	0.05	0.23	0.30	0.27	0.20	0.12	0.07	0.03	0.01

We can represent the spectrum of FM modulated signal with normalized amplitude as below:

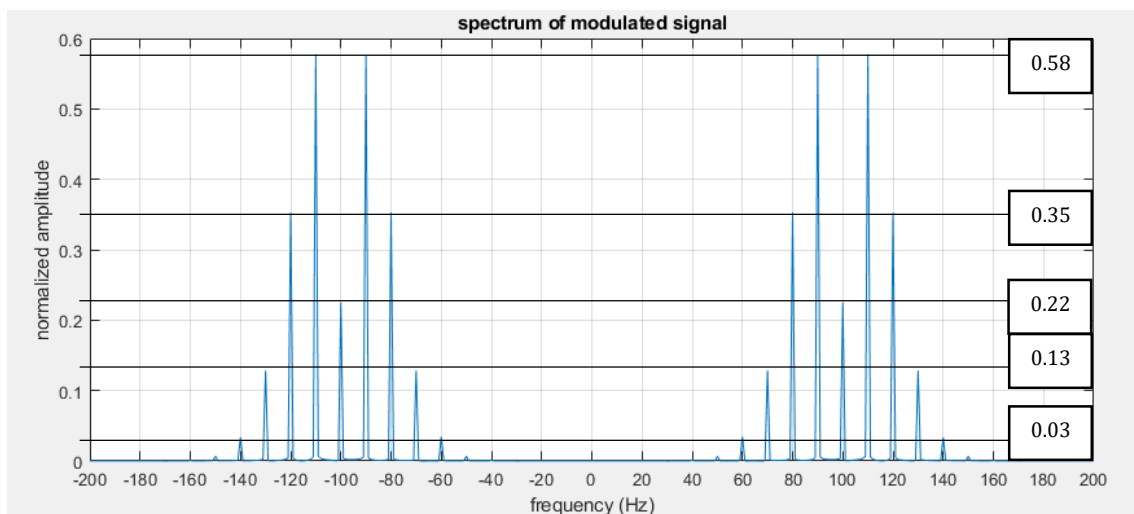


Figure 4. Spectrum of FM modulated signal

And we can see the bandwidth approximation using Carson rule represented in the graph below:

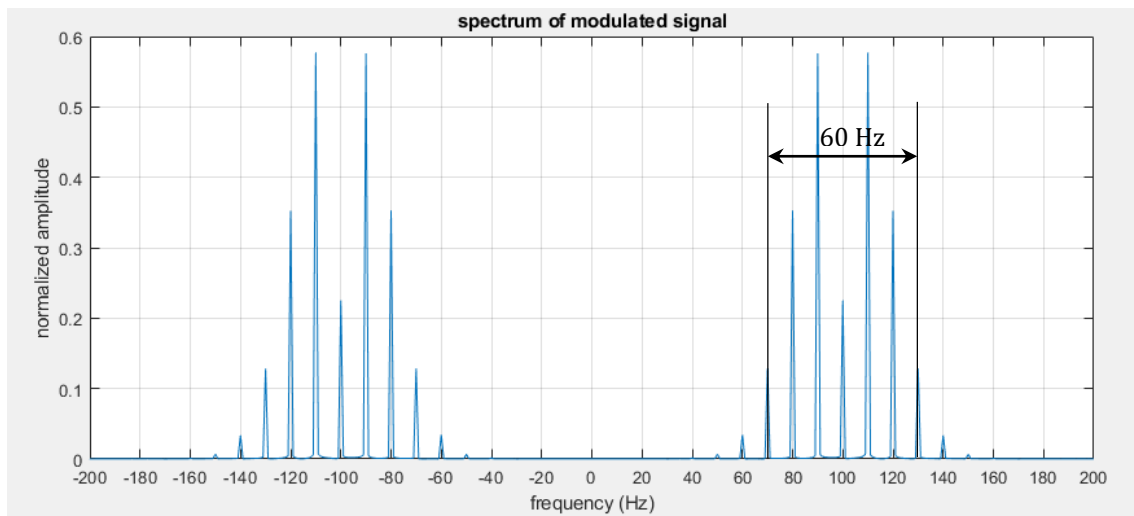


Figure 5. Bandwidth approximation using Carson rule

For MATLAB code, you can access here:

<https://github.com/elyaserben/frequency-modulation>