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Project Outline: Using ADALM-Pluto for Monotone and Audio Signal Transmission/Reception with the help of ChatGPT (LSSB)

This project provides students with hands-on experience using the ADALM-Pluto SDR and software like GNU Radio or MATLAB to implement communication systems. The aim is to design, tune, and analyze a system capable of transmitting and receiving monotone and audio signals. Students will document their work in IEEE paper format.

Project Workflow

1. Introduction and Background

- Overview of Software-Defined Radio (SDR) and ADALM-Pluto.
- Basics of AM modulation and demodulation.
- Signal characteristics: monotone signal vs. audio signal.

2. Objectives

- Design and simulate a communication system in GNU Radio or MATLAB.
- Transmit and receive monotone and audio signals.
- Fine-tune system parameters for optimal performance.
- Document results and findings in IEEE format.

3. System Requirements

- Hardware: ADALM-Pluto SDR
- Software:
 - o GNU Radio (preferred for flexibility).
 - MATLAB (optional, for additional exercises or comparison).

Prerequisites:

- o Familiarity with modulation techniques.
- Basic knowledge of SDR concepts.

4. Tasks

Task 1: Monotone Signal Transmission

1. Generate a monotone signal (e.g., 1 kHz sine wave).

- 2. Modulate the signal using the LSSB modulation
- 3. Transmit using ADALM-Pluto.
- 4. Receive and demodulate the signal to recover the original tone.
- 5. Visualize the transmitted and received signals using QT GUI in GNU Radio or plots in MATLAB.

Task 2: Audio Signal Transmission

- 1. Capture an audio signal using a microphone or pre-recorded file.
- 2. Resample and modulate the audio signal.
- 3. Transmit the modulated signal using ADALM-Pluto.
- 4. Receive and demodulate to recover the audio signal.
- 5. Play the recovered audio using the computer's audio output.

Task 3: Parameter Tuning

- 1. Optimize transmit power and receiver gain for clear signal reception.
- 2. Fine-tune low-pass filter cutoff and transition width to minimize noise.
- 3. Document how changes in parameters affect system performance.

5. Documentation and Deliverables

Block Diagrams

- Include detailed diagrams of the transmitter and receiver flowgraphs.
- Explain the purpose of each block and its configurations.

Results

- Spectral analysis of transmitted and received signals.
- Screenshots of GNU Radio/MATLAB outputs.
- Audio quality evaluation (subjective and quantitative metrics).

IEEE Paper

Students must write a paper in IEEE format with the following sections:

- 1. **Abstract**: Summarize the project and findings.
- 2. Introduction: Explain the problem, objectives, and tools used.
- 3. System Design: Detail monotone and audio signals' flowgraph/block diagram.
- 4. Experiments and Results: Present findings with visual aids.
- 5. **Conclusion**: Discuss results and propose future improvements.
- 6. **References**: Cite relevant resources (e.g., GNU Radio guides, SDR papers).

Evaluation Criteria

- **Design (40%):** Correctness of flowgraphs/block diagrams.
- Implementation (30%): Successful signal transmission and reception.
- **Documentation (20%):** Clarity and completeness of the IEEE paper.
- Tuning (10%): Effectiveness of parameter optimization.