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Lab Report 3: Determination of Modulation Index of FM Wave

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Theory

Frequency Modulation (FM) encodes information by varying the instantaneous frequency of a carrier wave, unlike Amplitude Modulation (AM) which varies amplitude. This makes FM more resistant to noise and interference.
The instantaneous frequency of an FM signal is:

$$f(t) = f_c + \Delta f \cdot \sin(2\pi f_m t)$$

where f_c is the carrier frequency, Δf is the frequency deviation, and f_m is the modulating signal frequency.
The modulation index (β) is:

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta f}{f_m}$$

To determine Δf:

1. **Observe the Modulated Signal:**
   - Connect the FM modulator output to the oscilloscope.
   - Display the frequency spectrum.
2. **Identify Frequencies:**
   - Measure the maximum (f_{max}) and minimum (f_{min}) frequencies.
3. **Calculate Deviation:**
   - Use $\Delta f = \frac{f_{\text{max}} - f_{\text{min}}}{2}$.

The bandwidth (B) of an FM signal, according to Carson's rule, is:

$$B \approx 2(\Delta f + f_m) = 2f_m(\beta + 1)$$

FM is widely used in radio broadcasting, TV sound transmission, and two-way radio communication due to its noise immunity and efficient bandwidth use [1, 2].

Required Apparatus

- ANALOGUE SIGNAL TRANSMISSION DL 3155M60
- Oscilloscope
- Connecting Wires
- Power Supply

Block Diagram

FM Modulation and Demodulation

Figure 1: Block Diagram of FM Modulation and Demodulation

Procedure

1. The FM modulator and demodulator were connected as shown in the block diagram.
2. The message signal was applied to the modulator and the modulated signal was observed on the oscilloscope.
3. The frequency deviation and the modulating frequency were measured from the oscilloscope.
4. The modulation index was calculated using the measured values.
5. The experiment was repeated with different message signals and modulation frequencies to observe their effects.
6. The observed values of frequency deviation, modulating frequency, and modulation index for each experiment were recorded.

Experimental Data

Reading no	**Message Signal's**		**Modulated Signal's Minimum**		**Modulated Signal's Maximum**	
	Time Period, (s)	Frequency, (kHz)	Time Period, (s)	Frequency, (kHz)	Time Period, (s)	Frequency, (kHz)
1	1.4×10^{-4}	7.142	1.1×10^{-5}	90.90	3×10^{-5}	33.33
2	1.4×10^{-4}	7.142	1.05×10^{-5}	95.24	3.3×10^{-5}	30.3
3	9×10^{-5}	11.11	1.2×10^{-5}	83.33	2.5×10^{-5}	40
4	2.4×10^{-4}	3.937	1.1×10^{-5}	90.91	2.4×10^{-5}	41.67

Calculations

The modulation index (β) is calculated using the formula:

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta f}{f_m}$$

where Δf is the frequency deviation and f_m is the frequency of the message signal. The bandwidth (B) of an FM signal can be calculated using Carson's rule:

$$B \approx 2(\Delta f + f_m) = 2f_m(\beta + 1)$$

1. For Reading 1:
$$f_m = 7.142 \text{ kHz}$$
$$\Delta f = \frac{90.90 - 33.33}{2} \text{ kHz} = 28.785 \text{ kHz}$$
$$\beta = \frac{28.785}{7.142} \approx 4.03$$
$$B \approx 2 \times 7.142 \text{ kHz} \times (4.03 + 1) \approx 71.42 \text{ kHz}$$

2. For Reading 2:
$$f_m = 7.142 \text{ kHz}$$
$$\Delta f = \frac{95.24 - 30.3}{2} \text{ kHz} = 32.47 \text{ kHz}$$
$$\beta = \frac{32.47}{7.142} \approx 4.55$$
$$B \approx 2 \times 7.142 \text{ kHz} \times (4.55 + 1) \approx 81.42 \text{ kHz}$$

3. For Reading 3:
$$f_m = 11.11 \text{ kHz}$$
$$\Delta f = \frac{83.33 - 40}{2} \text{ kHz} = 21.665 \text{ kHz}$$
$$\beta = \frac{21.665}{11.11} \approx 1.95$$
$$B \approx 2 \times 11.11 \text{ kHz} \times (1.95 + 1) \approx 67.11 \text{ kHz}$$

4. For Reading 4:
$$f_m = 3.937 \text{ kHz}$$
$$\Delta f = \frac{90.91 - 41.67}{2} \text{ kHz} = 24.62 \text{ kHz}$$
$$\beta = \frac{24.62}{3.937} \approx 6.25$$
$$B \approx 2 \times 3.937 \text{ kHz} \times (6.25 + 1) \approx 63.50 \text{ kHz}$$

Results

The modulation index (β) and bandwidth (B) for each reading are summarized as follows:

- For Reading 1:
  - Modulation Index: $\beta \approx 4.03$
  - Bandwidth: $B \approx 71.42$ kHz
- For Reading 2:
  - Modulation Index: $\beta \approx 4.55$
  - Bandwidth: $B \approx 81.42$ kHz
- For Reading 3:
  - Modulation Index: $\beta \approx 1.95$
  - Bandwidth: $B \approx 67.11$ kHz
- For Reading 4:
  - Modulation Index: $\beta \approx 6.25$
  - Bandwidth: $B \approx 63.50$ kHz

Matlab Simulation

Code:

```matlab
% Parameters
fs = 1000;            % Sampling frequency
t = 0:1/fs:1;         % Time vector
fc = 100;             % Carrier frequency
kf = 50;              % Frequency sensitivity
Am = 1;               % Amplitude of message signal
fm = 10;              % Frequency of message signal

% Message signal
m = Am * cos(2 * pi * fm * t);

% Carrier signal (square wave)
c = square(2 * pi * fc * t);

% FM Modulation
int_m = cumsum(m) / fs;  % Integral of message signal
s = cos(2 * pi * fc * t + 2 * pi * kf * int_m);
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% FM Demodulation
y = diff([0 s]) * fs;     % Differentiate the FM signal
y = abs(hilbert(y));      % Envelope detection

% Modulation Index
beta = kf * Am / fm;
disp(['Modulation Index (beta): ', num2str(beta)]);

% Plotting
figure;

subplot(4,1,1);
plot(t, m);
title('Message Signal');
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Amplitude');

subplot(4,1,2);
plot(t, c);
title('Carrier Signal (Square Wave)');
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Amplitude');

subplot(4,1,3);
plot(t, s);
title('FM Modulated Signal');
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Amplitude');

subplot(4,1,4);
plot(t, y(1:length(t)));
title('Demodulated Signal');
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Amplitude');
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Output

Experimental Output

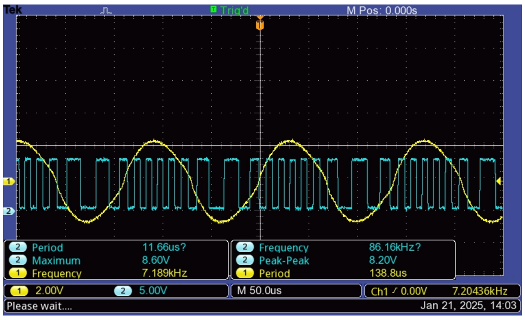

Figure 2: FM; Yellow: Message, Blue: Modulated Signal 1

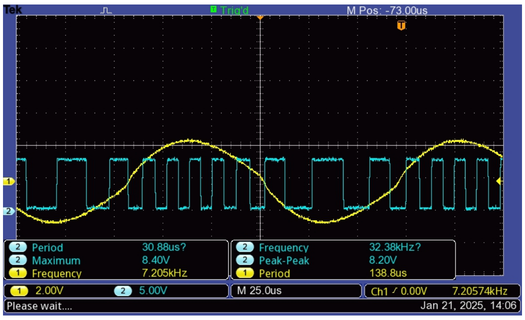

Figure 3: FM; Yellow: Message, Blue: Modulated Signal 2

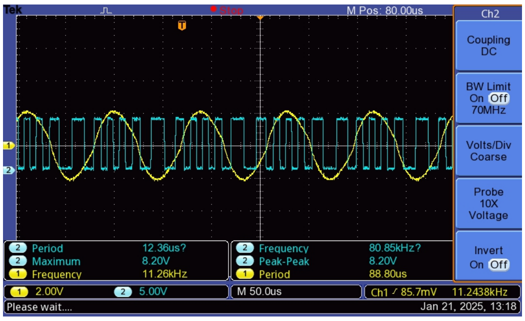

Figure 4: FM; Yellow: Message, Blue: Modulated Signal 3

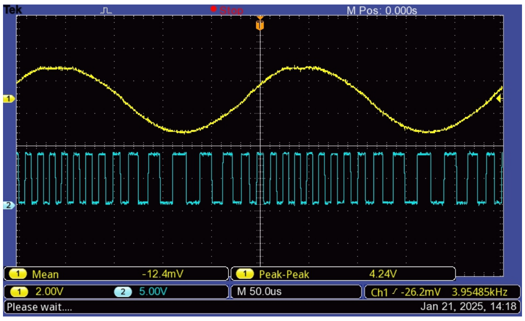

Figure 5: FM; Yellow: Message, Blue: Modulated Signal 4

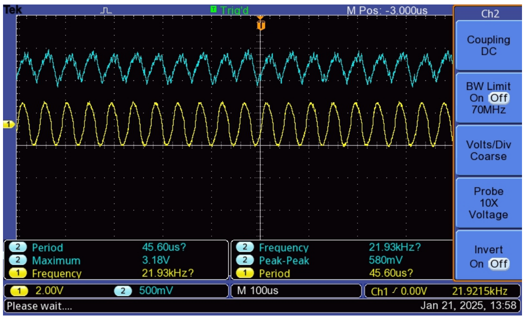

Figure 6: Demodulated; Yellow: Message, Blue: Demodulated Signal 1

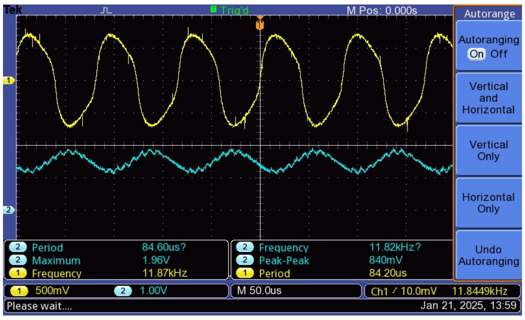

Figure 7: Demodulated; Yellow: Message, Blue: Demodulated Signal 2

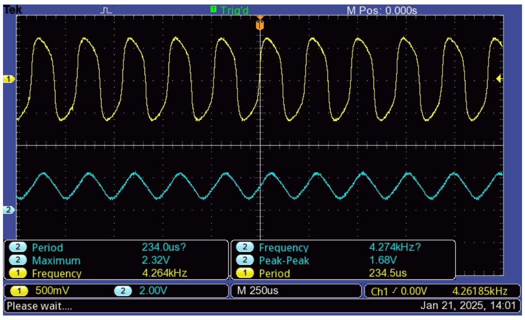

Figure 8: Demodulated; Yellow: Message, Blue: Demodulated Signal 3

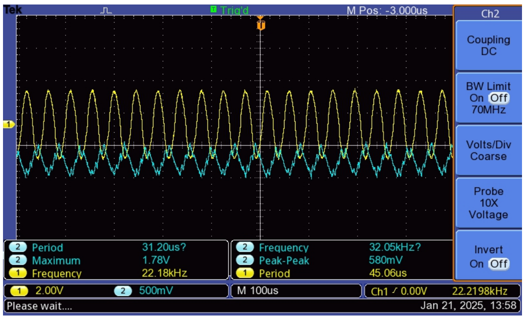

Figure 9: Demodulated; Yellow: Message, Blue: Demodulated Signal 4

Matlab Simulation Output

Discussion and Conclusion

The modulation index (β) was found to be crucial in Frequency Modulation (FM) as it determined the bandwidth and the number of significant sidebands. In this experiment, β was calculated for different message signals and modulation frequencies using $\beta = \frac{\Delta f}{f_m}$. Significant variations in β (1.95 to 6.25) were observed, impacting the bandwidth and quality of FM signals. The Matlab simulations confirmed the relationship between β and bandwidth, highlighting the importance of selecting an appropriate β for efficient communication. Valuable insights into the effects of β on FM signals and its significance in FM modulation were provided by this experiment.

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