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Lab Report 2:
Study of Amplitude & DSB-SC Modulation & Demodulation

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Theory

Amplitude Modulation (AM) varies the carrier signal's amplitude in proportion to the message signal, commonly used in radio broadcasting [1].

Double Sideband Suppressed Carrier (DSB-SC) suppresses the carrier, transmitting only sidebands, making it more power-efficient and suitable for bandwidth-critical applications [2].

This experiment explores AM and DSB-SC modulation and demodulation, observing their spectra and recovering the original message signal, highlighting their practical applications and efficiency.

AM Modulation

AM modulation involves varying the amplitude of a high-frequency carrier signal in accordance with the instantaneous amplitude of the message signal. The mathematical representation of an AM signal is given by:

$$s(t) = A_\text{c}[1 + m(t)]\cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

where A is the carrier amplitude, $m(t)$ is the message signal, and f_c is the carrier frequency.

DSB-SC Modulation

DSB-SC modulation is achieved by multiplying the message signal with the carrier signal. The mathematical representation of a DSB-SC signal is:

$$s(t) = m(t)\cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

This results in a signal that contains only the sidebands, with the carrier suppressed.

Demodulation

Demodulation extracts the original message signal from the modulated carrier. For AM signals, this is done using an envelope detector. For DSB-SC signals, coherent detection is used, involving mixing the received signal with a synchronized local carrier.

Required Apparatus

- AM/SSB/DSB-SC Board (ACT-02 AM DSB-SC/SSB Kit)

- Frequency Generator

- Oscilloscope

- Connecting Wires
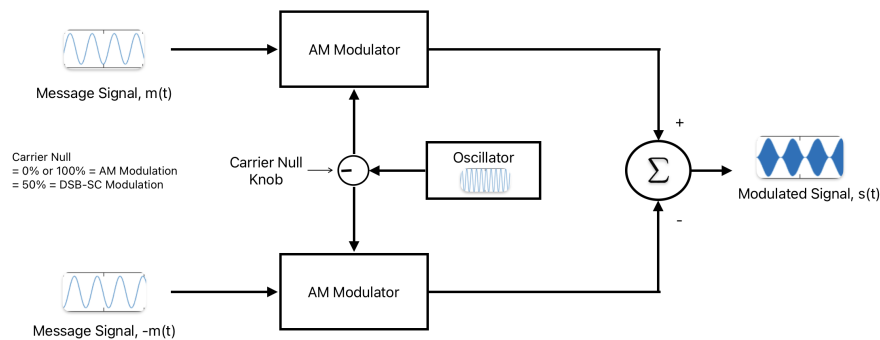
Block Diagram

AM and DSB-SC Modulation Block Diagram

Figure 1: Block Diagram of AM and DSB-SC Modulation (Balanced Modulator)

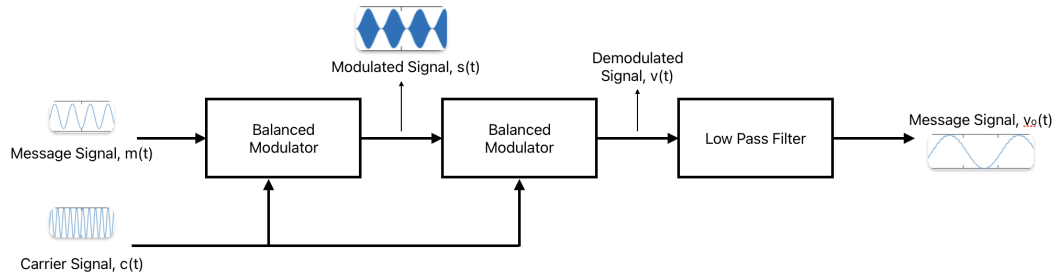# AM and DSB-SC Modulation and Demodulation Block Diagram

Figure 2: Block Diagram of AM and DSB-SC Modulation and Demodulation

Procedure

1. Generate a lower frequency message signal and a higher frequency carrier signal using a function generator.

2. Use the balanced modulator on the AM/SSB/DSB-SC board (ACT-02 AM DSB-SC/SSB Kit) for modulation.

3. Pass the message signal to the balanced modulator and observe the message, carrier, and modulated signals.

4. Adjust the carrier null knob to perform AM and DSB-SC modulation, observing under, over, and 100% modulation for AM.

5. Use another balanced modulator and a low pass filter to demodulate and recover the original message signal for both AM and DSB-SC.

6. Observe waveforms on the oscilloscope at each step.

Experimental Data

Modulation Type	A_m	F_m	A_c	F_c	A_{max}	A_{min}
AM Under Modulation	0.4V	1.75kHz	2.2V	298.8kHz	2.52V	0.5V
AM 100% Modulation	0.54V	1.762kHz	2.22V	301.5kHz	2.54V	0V
AM Over Modulation	0.9V	1.75kHz	2.24V	300.32kHz	2.64V	1.2V
DSB-SC Modulation 1	0.9V	1.75kHz	2.28V	300.3kHz	-	-
DSB-SC Modulation 1	1.88V	1.75kHz	2.28V	300.3kHz	-	-

Table 1: Experimental Data for Modulation Types

Calculations

The modulation index (μ) for AM can be calculated using the formula:

$$\mu = \frac{A_{\max} - A_{\min}}{A_{\max} + A_{\min}}$$

AM Under Modulation

Given:

$$A_{\max} = 2.52V, \quad A_{\min} = 0.5V$$

$$\mu = \frac{2.52 - 0.5}{2.52 + 0.5} = \frac{2.02}{3.02} \approx 0.668$$

AM 100% Modulation

Given:

$$A_{\max} = 2.54V, \quad A_{\min} = 0V$$

$$\mu = \frac{2.54 - 0}{2.54 + 0} = \frac{2.54}{2.54} = 1$$

AM Over Modulation

Given:

$$A_{\max} = 2.64V, \quad A_{\min} = 1.2V$$

$$\mu = \frac{2.64 - (-1.2)}{2.64 + (-1.2)} = \frac{3.84}{1.44} \approx 2.67$$

For DSB-SC modulation, the modulation index is not applicable as the carrier is suppressed.

Matlab Simulation

Code (AM):

The following Matlab code simulates the generation, modulation, and demodulation of an analog signal using Amplitude Modulation (AM).

```matlab
% Parameters
% Amplitude of message signal in Volts
%Am = 0.4; % For Under Modulation
%Am = 0.54; % For 100% Modulation
Am = 0.9; % For Over Modulation
Fm = 1.761e3; % Frequency of message signal in Hz
Ac = 2.24; % Amplitude of carrier signal in Volts
Fc = 300.4e3; % Frequency of carrier signal in Hz
Fs = 1e6; % Sampling frequency in Hz
t = 0:1/Fs:1e-2; % Time vector for 1 ms
Ka = 1.87;

% Message signal
m_t = Am * cos(2 * pi * Fm * t);

% Carrier signal
c_t = Ac * cos(2 * pi * Fc * t);

% AM Modulated signal
s_t = Ac * (1 + Ka * m_t) .* cos(2 * pi * Fc * t);

% Demodulation
r_t = s_t .* cos(2 * pi * Fc * t);

% Low-pass filter design
[b, a] = butter(6, Fm/(Fs/2)); % 6th order Butterworth filter

% Filter the demodulated signal
m_rec = filter(b, a, r_t);

% Plotting the signals
figure;
subplot(4,1,1);
plot(t, m_t);
title('Message Signal');
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Amplitude (V)');

```

```matlab
39  subplot(4,1,2);
40  plot(t, c_t);
41  title('Carrier Signal');
42  xlabel('Time (s)');
43  ylabel('Amplitude (V)');
44
45  subplot(4,1,3);
46  plot(t, s_t);
47  title('AM Modulated Signal');
48  xlabel('Time (s)');
49  ylabel('Amplitude (V)');
50
51  subplot(4,1,4);
52  plot(t, m_rec);
53  title('Demodulated Message Signal');
54  xlabel('Time (s)');
55  ylabel('Amplitude (V)');
```

Code (DSB-SC):

The following Matlab code simulates the generation, modulation, and demodulation of an analog signal using Double Sideband Suppressed Carrier (DSB-SC) modulation.

```matlab
1   % Define parameters
2   Fs = 1000000; % Sampling frequency
3   t = 0:1/Fs:0.01; % Time vector
4
5   % Create message signal
6   Am = 1.88; % Amplitude of message signal
7   % Am = 0.9; % Amplitude of message signal
8   fm = 1750; % Frequency of message signal
9   message_signal = Am * sin(2 * pi * fm * t);
10
11  % Create carrier signal
12  Ac = 2.28; % Amplitude of carrier signal
13  fc = 300000; % Frequency of carrier signal
14  carrier_signal = Ac * sin(2 * pi * fc * t);
15
16  % Perform Double Sideband Suppressed Carrier (DSB-SC) Modulation
17  modulated_signal = message_signal .* carrier_signal;
18
19  % Demodulate the signal
20  demodulated_signal = modulated_signal .* carrier_signal;
21  [b, a] = butter(5, fm/(Fs/2)); % Design a low-pass filter
22  filtered_signal = filter(b, a, demodulated_signal);
```

```matlab
23
24  % Plot the signals
25  figure;
26  subplot(4,1,1);
27  plot(t, message_signal);
28  title('Message Signal');
29  xlabel('Time (s)');
30  ylabel('Amplitude');
31
32  subplot(4,1,2);
33  plot(t, carrier_signal);
34  title('Carrier Signal');
35  xlabel('Time (s)');
36  ylabel('Amplitude');
37
38  subplot(4,1,3);
39  plot(t, modulated_signal);
40  title('DSB-SC Modulated Signal');
41  xlabel('Time (s)');
42  ylabel('Amplitude');
43
44  subplot(4,1,4);
45  plot(t, filtered_signal);
46  title('Demodulated Signal');
47  xlabel('Time (s)');
48  ylabel('Amplitude');
```

Output

Experimental Output
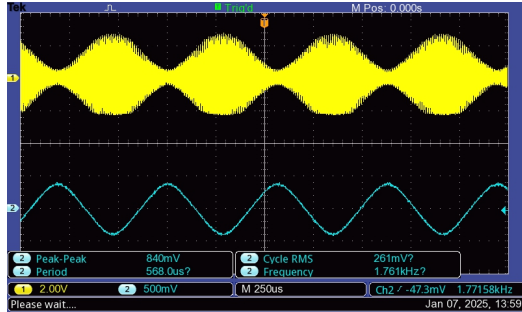
Figure 3: AM; Yellow: Under-modulated, Blue: Message
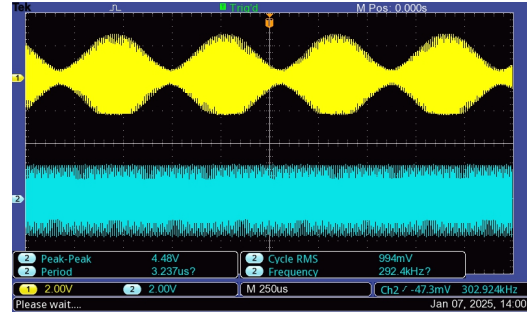
Figure 4: AM; Yellow: Under-modulated, Blue: Carrier
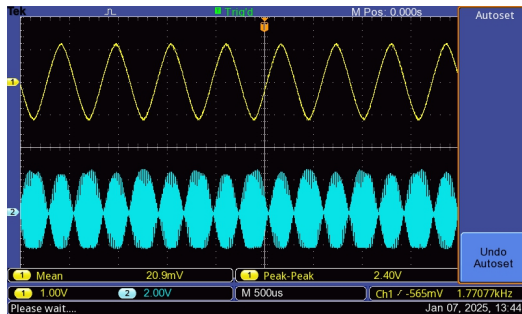
Figure 5: AM; Yellow: Message, Blue: 100% Modulated
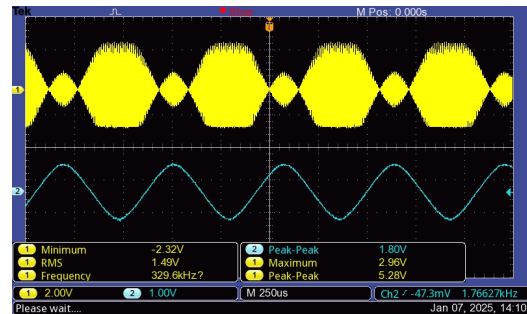
Figure 6: AM; Yellow: Over-modulated, Blue: Message
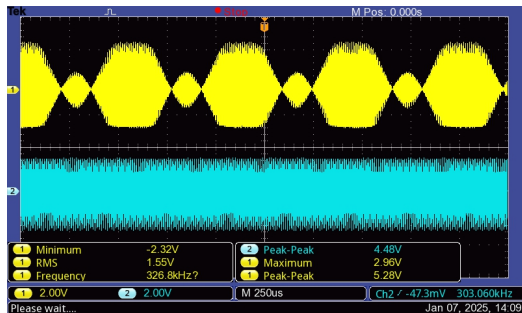
Figure 7: AM; Yellow: Over-modulated, Blue: Carrier
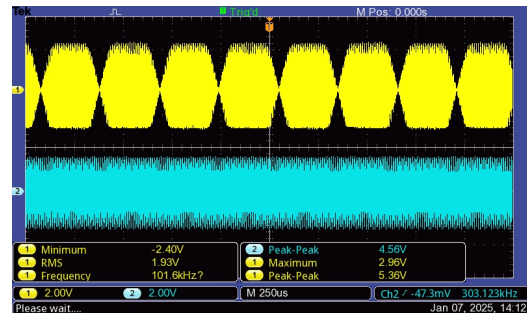
Figure 8: DSBSC; Yellow: Modulated, Blue: Carrier

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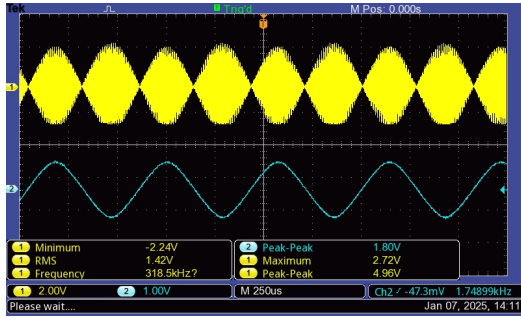
Figure 9: DSBSC; Yellow: Modulated, Blue: Message 1
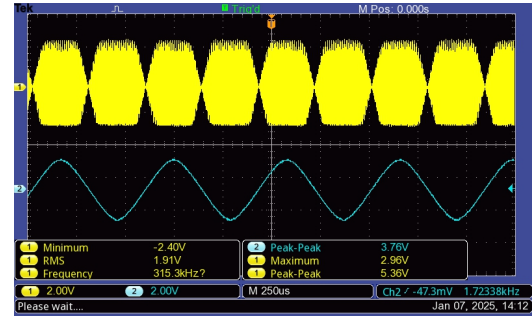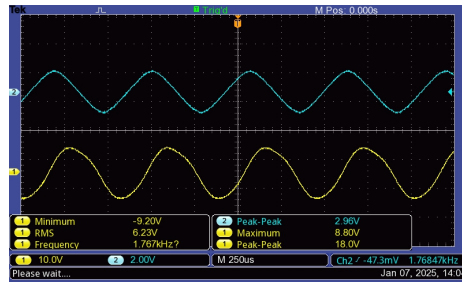

Figure 10: DSBSC; Yellow: Modulated, Blue: Message 2

Figure 11: DSBSC; Yellow: Message, Blue: Demodulated Message

Matlab Simulation Output
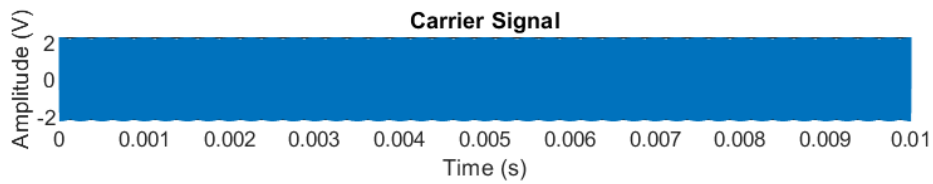
Figure 12: AM; Carrier
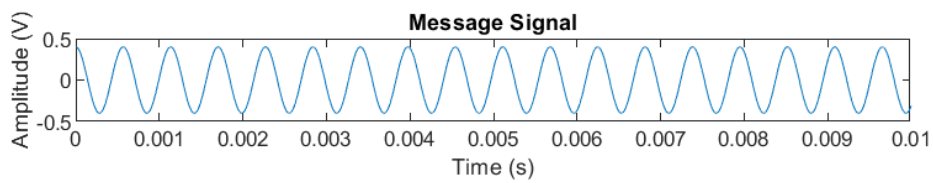
Figure 13: AM Under-modulated; Message Signal
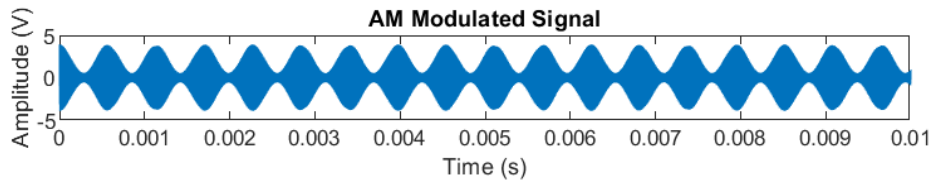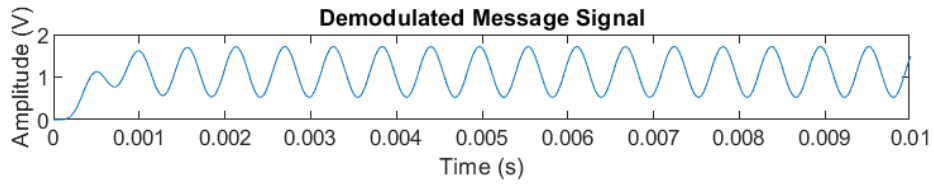
Figure 14: AM Under-modulated; Modulated Signal

Figure 15: AM Under-modulated; Demodulated Signal
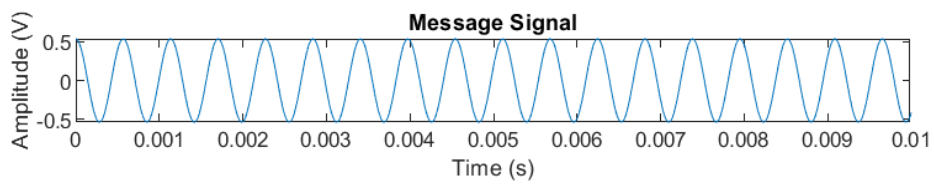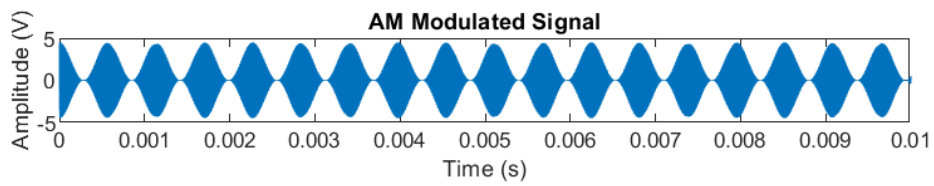

Figure 16: AM 100% Modulated; Message Signal

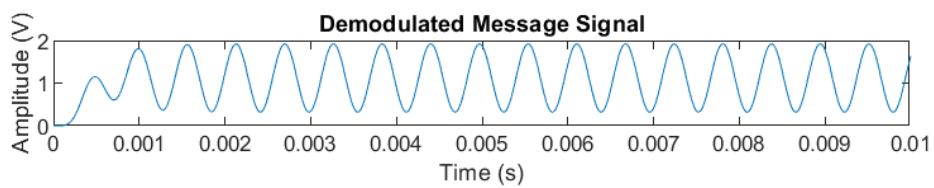Figure 17: AM 100% Modulated; Modulated Signal

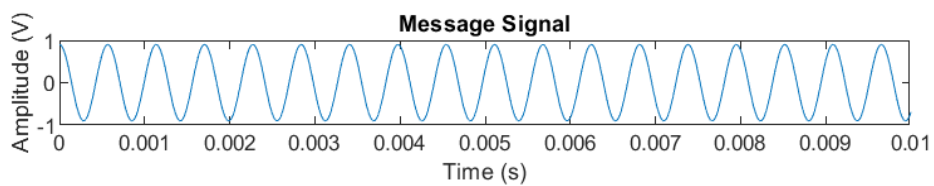
Figure 18: AM 100% Modulated; Demodulated Signal

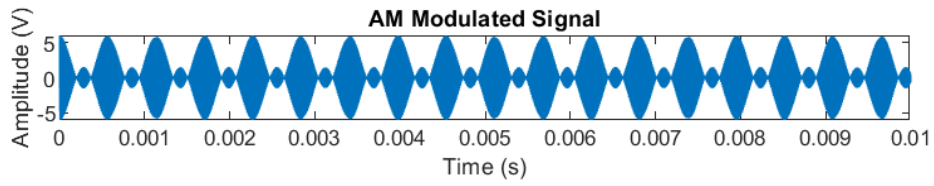Figure 19: AM Over-modulated; Message Signal

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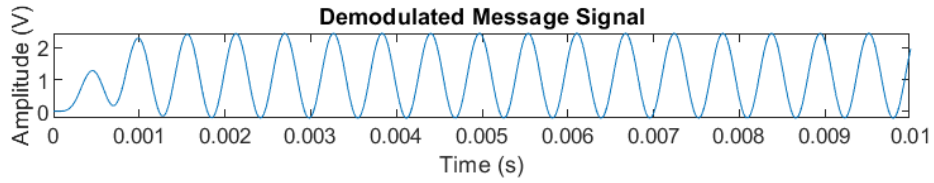Figure 20: AM Over-modulated; Modulated Signal

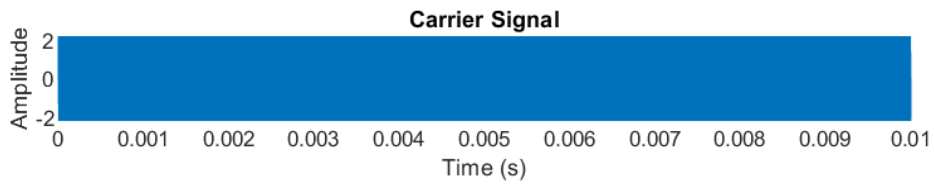Figure 21: AM Over-modulated; Demodulated Signal

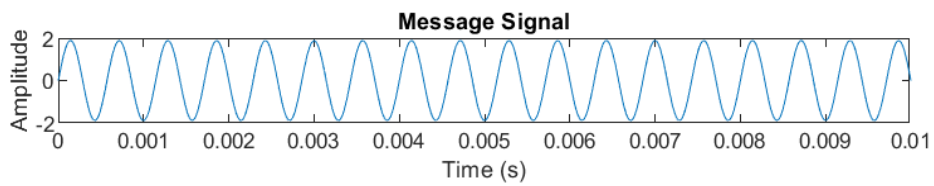Figure 22: DSB-SC, Carrier Signal
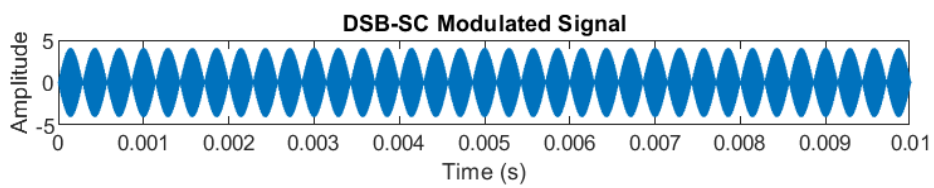

Figure 23: DSB-SC, Message Signal 1
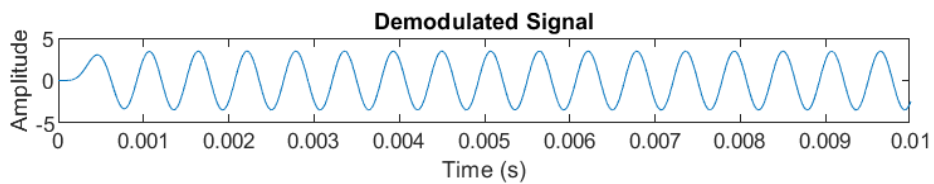

Figure 24: DSB-SC, Modulated Signal 1

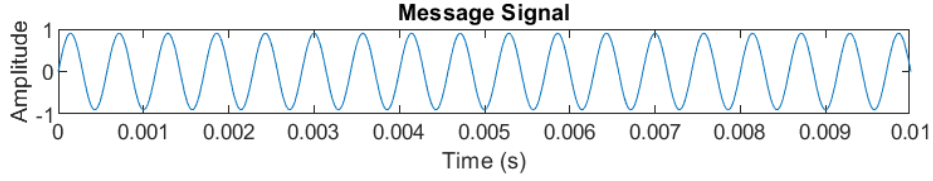Figure 25: DSB-SC, Demodulated Signal 1
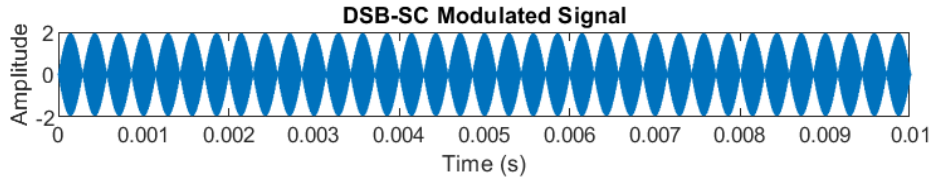
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Figure 26: DSB-SC, Message Signal 2

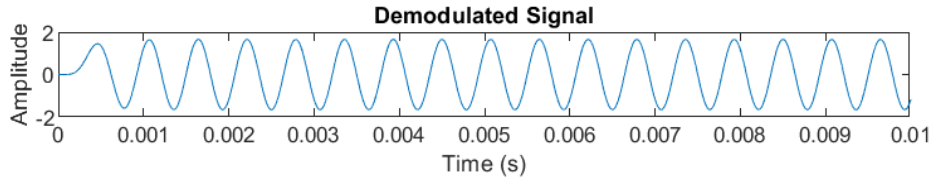Figure 27: DSB-SC, Modulated Signal 2

Figure 28: DSB-SC, Demodulated Signal 2

Discussion

In this experiment, the principles of Amplitude Modulation (AM) and Double Sideband Suppressed Carrier (DSB-SC) modulation and demodulation were explored. Experimental data and Matlab simulations provided insights into these modulation techniques under various conditions.

From the experimental data:

- For AM under modulation, the modulation index was approximately 0.668, indicating that the message signal's amplitude was less than the carrier's, resulting in a modulated signal with less variation in amplitude.

- For AM 100% modulation, the modulation index was 1, showing that the message signal's amplitude equaled the carrier's, resulting in a modulated signal with maximum amplitude variation without distortion.

- For AM over modulation, the modulation index was about 2.67, indicating that the message signal's amplitude exceeded the carrier's, resulting in significant distortion and envelope inversion in the modulated signal.

Matlab simulations supported these findings, visually representing the carrier, message, modulated, and demodulated signals for each modulation type. The effects of under, 100%, and over modulation on the AM signal and the successful demodulation of the original message signal were demonstrated.

For DSB-SC modulation, the carrier was suppressed, and only the sidebands were transmitted. Matlab simulations visualized the DSB-SC modulated signal and its demodulation, confirming the effectiveness of coherent detection in recovering the message.

This experiment highlighted the importance of the modulation index in AM and the efficiency of DSB-SC modulation in terms of power and bandwidth, reinforcing theoretical concepts through practical observations and simulations.

Conclusion

In conclusion, a comprehensive understanding of Amplitude Modulation (AM) and Double Sideband Suppressed Carrier (DSB-SC) modulation techniques was provided by this experiment. Through both experimental observations and Matlab simulations, the effects of different modulation indices on AM signals and the efficiency of DSB-SC modulation in terms of power and bandwidth were analyzed. The results demonstrated the importance of the modulation index in determining the quality of AM signals and highlighted the advantages of DSB-SC modulation for efficient communication. These findings are consistent with the theoretical concepts discussed in the literature [1, 2]. Overall, the practical applications and benefits of these modulation techniques in communication systems were reinforced by this experiment.

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[1] S. Haykin, *Communication Systems.* Wiley, 2008.

[2] J. G. Proakis, *Digital Communications.* McGraw-Hill, 2007.