

3 Labwork (Conventional Amplitude Modulation/Demodulation)

3.1 Preliminaries

In order to modulate a message signal with conventional AM, first multiply the message signal $m(t)$ with modulation factor k_a . Then, add to this signal one. After the addition of one, multiply this signal with a carrier signal $c(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t)$ to obtain the modulated signal.

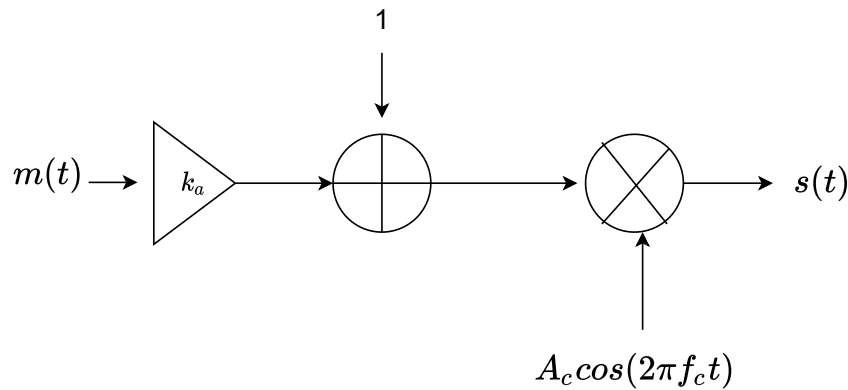


Figure 1: Modulation of Conventional AM

In order to demodulate this signal, first, take the square of the modulated signal. Then, filter this squared signal with a low pass filter (LPF). After taking the square root of the filtered signal, reach an estimate of the message signal. This technique is called Square-Law detector.

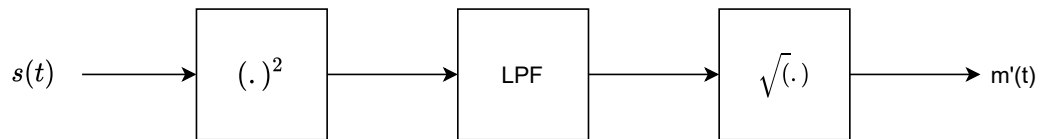


Figure 2: Demodulation of Conventional AM

3.2 Conventional Amplitude Modulation

- Obtain the time vector with the duration of $t = 0.1$ seconds and with the sampling frequency of $F_s = 10000$ Hz.
- Generate a carrier signal $c(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t)$ and a message signal $m(t) = A_m \cos(2\pi f_m t)$ where $A_m = A_c = 1$ and $f_m = 100$ Hz and $f_c = 1000$ Hz with respect to time vector obtained in (a).
- Obtain the modulated signal, $s(t)$.
- Plot the modulated signal $s(t)$ for three modulation factors namely 0.5, 1 and 2 in the same figure by using *subplot*.
- Comment on the effects of the modulation factors.
- Plot the magnitude of the frequency responses of $m(t)$, $c(t)$ and $s(t)$ for $k_a = 0.5$ in the same figure by using *subplot*.

3.3 Conventional AM Demodulation

- (a) Demodulate the modulated signal $s(t)$ when $k_a = 0.9$ and $k_a = 2$ by following the steps given in the preliminaries. *Hint:* You can use `butter(.)` with the suitable filter order and cut off frequency and `filter(.)` functions.
- (b) Comment on your choice of the filter order and the cut off frequency.
- (c) Plot the demodulated signals in the same figure by using `subplot`.
- (d) Comment on the the results that you obtain in (c).