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ELG3175 Introduction to Communication Systems Modulation and Demodulation of FM signals



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Generation of WBFM Signals

- Direct method
 - Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO)

$$m(t) \longrightarrow VCO \longrightarrow s_{FM}(t)$$

- Indirect method
 - Armstrong's method

$$m(t) \longrightarrow \underbrace{\text{NBFM}}_{\text{mod }@.fc} \longrightarrow \operatorname{nonlinearity} \longrightarrow \underbrace{\text{BPF}}_{@.nf_c} \longrightarrow \underbrace{s_{WBFM}(t)}_{@.nf_c}$$





Armstrong's Method



• NBFM Modulator





Armstrong's method

- Nonlinearity
 - $v_o = a_1 v_i + a_2 v_i^2 + a_3 v_i^3 + \dots$
 - $v_i(t) = s_{NBFM}(t).$

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- Example $s_{NBFM}(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int m(t) dt) = A_c \cos(\theta_i(t))$.
- $v_o(t) = a_1 s_{NBFM}(t) + a_2 s_{NBFM}^2(t) + a_3 s_{NBFM}^3(t) \dots$
- $v_o(t) = a_1 A_c \cos(\theta_i(t)) + a_2 A_c^2 \cos^2(\theta_i(t)) + a_3 A_c^3 \cos^3(\theta_i(t)) \dots$
- $v_o(t) = a_1 A_c \cos(\theta_i(t)) + a_2 A_c^2 / 2 + (a_2 A_c^2 / 2) \cos(2\theta_i(t)) + (3a_3 A_c^3 / 4) \cos(\theta_i(t)) + (a_3 A_c^3 / 4) \cos(3\theta_i(t)) \dots$
- $n\theta_i(t) = 2\pi (nf_c)t + 2\pi (nk_f) \int m(t)dt$ (carrier frequency = nf_c and $k'_f = nk_f$ therefore $\beta_F' = n\beta_F$).
- BPF is used to pass the spectral component centred @ f = nf_c .



Demodulation of FM signals



- Differentiator plus envelope detection
- Frequency discriminator.
- Frequency counter.



Differentiator and envelope detector









Differentiator and envelope detector

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{ds_{FM}(t)}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big(A_c \cos(\theta_i(t)) \Big) \\ &= -\frac{d\theta_i(t)}{dt} A_c \sin(\theta_i(t)) \\ &= 2\pi A_c f_i(t) \sin(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int m(t) dt + \pi) \\ &= 2\pi A_c \Big(f_c + k_f m(t) \Big) \sin(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int m(t) dt + \pi) \end{aligned}$$

 $f_c >> |k_f m(t)|$ alors $2\pi A_c(f_c + k_f m(t)) > 0$.



Example



- $m(t) = \cos 2\pi 10t$, $f_c = 100$, $A_c = 2$, $k_f = 40$ Hz/V.
- $s_{FM}(t) = 2\cos(2\pi 200t + 4\sin 2\pi 10t)$
- $x(t) = 4\pi(100+40\cos 2\pi 10t)\sin(2\pi 100t+4\sin 2\pi 10t+\pi)$





 $2\pi A_c(f_c + k_f m(t))$



Differentiator and envelope detector



- Output of envelope detector
 - $y(t) = 2\pi A_c(f_c + k_f m(t)) = 2\pi A_c f_c + 2\pi A_c k_f m(t)$
 - Assuming that m(t) has no DC component (M(f) = 0 for f = 0, then
- Output of DC block

$$- z(t) = 2\pi A_c k_f m(t) = K m(t).$$



Fluctuations in received amplitude



- The power of the received signal is $A^2/2$.
- The received power is inversely proportional to the square of the distance between the transmitter and the receiver.
- The power can also fluctuate due to conditions between the transmitter and receiver (rain, obstructions etc)
- This variation in received power causes fluctuations in the received amplitude.
- $r(t) = A(t)\cos(\theta_i(t))$.



Differentiator and envelope detector when received amplitude fluctuates

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{dr(t)}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big(A(t) \cos(\theta_i(t)) \Big) \\ &= -\frac{d\theta_i(t)}{dt} A(t) \sin(\theta_i(t)) + \frac{dA(t)}{dt} \cos(\theta_i(t)) \\ &= 2\pi A(t) f_i(t) \sin(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int m(t) dt + \pi) \\ &= 2\pi A(t) \Big(f_c + k_f m(t) \Big) \sin(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int m(t) dt + \pi) \\ &+ \frac{dA(t)}{dt} \cos(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int m(t) dt) \end{aligned}$$



Examples



- Example 1
- $m(t) = \cos 2\pi 10t$, $f_c = 100$, $A(t) = 2e^{-t/3}$, $k_f = 40$ Hz/V.
- $s_{FM}(t) = 2\cos(2\pi 200t + 4\sin 2\pi 10t)$
- $x(t) = 4\pi e^{-t/3}(100 + 40\cos 2\pi 10t)\sin(2\pi 100t + 4\sin 2\pi 10t + \pi) (2/3)e^{-t/3}\cos(2\pi 200t + 4\sin 2\pi 10t)$
- Example 2
- $m(t) = \cos 2\pi 10t$, $f_c = 100$, A(t) = 2(1-t), $k_f = 40$ Hz/V.
- $s_{FM}(t) = 2\cos(2\pi 200t + 4\sin 2\pi 10t)$
- $x(t) = 4\pi(1-t)(100 + 40\cos 2\pi 10t)\sin(2\pi 100t + 4\sin 2\pi 10t + \pi) 2t\cos(2\pi 200t + 4\sin 2\pi 10t)$











Conclusion



- When the amplitude varies the output of the envelope detector will be a distorted version of m(t).
- Solution: 1) passband limiter to make the received amplitude a constant, 2) detector that does not require taking the derivative (frequency counter of Lab 3).
- Another problem with the differentiator is that the output has a very high amplitude due to the magnitude of f_c.
 - Frequency discriminator



Frequency discriminator



- Similar to differentiator
- Input to envelope detector has lower amplitude.





$H_1(f)$ and $H_2(f)$



$$H_{1}(f) = \begin{cases} j2\pi a(f - f_{c} + \frac{B}{2}), & f_{c} - \frac{B}{2} < f < f_{c} + \frac{B}{2} \\ j2\pi a(f + f_{c} - \frac{B}{2}), & -f_{c} - \frac{B}{2} < f < -f_{c} + \frac{B}{2} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$







$S_{FM}(f)H_1(f)$ and its complex envelope



- $X_1(f) = S_{FM}(f)H_1(f) = (1/2)S_+(f)j2\pi a(f-f_c+B/2) + (1/2)S_-(f)j2\pi a(f+f_c-B/2)$
- The FT of the complex envelope of $x_1(t)$ is: $\widetilde{X}_1(f) = S_+(f+f_c)j2\pi a(f+\frac{B}{2})$ $= \widetilde{S}_{FM}(f)j2\pi a(f+\frac{B}{2})$ $= aj2\pi f \widetilde{S}_{FM}(f) + aj2\pi \frac{B}{2} \widetilde{S}_{FM}(f)$ $\widetilde{X}_1(t) = a\left(\frac{d\widetilde{S}_{FM}(t)}{dt} + j\pi B \widetilde{S}_{FM}(t)\right)$

similarly
$$\widetilde{x}_{2}(t) = a \left(\frac{d\widetilde{s}_{FM}(t)}{dt} + j\pi B\widetilde{s}_{FM}(t) \right)$$



$$s_{+}(t) = A_{c}e^{j\theta_{l}(t)} = A_{c}e^{j(2\pi f_{c}t + 2\pi k_{f}\int m(t)dt)}$$

$$\tilde{s}_{FM}(t) = A_{c}e^{j2\pi k_{f}\int m(t)dt}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{s}_{FM}(t)}{dt} = j2\pi k_{f}A_{c}m(t)e^{j2\pi k_{f}\int m(t)dt}$$

$$\tilde{x}_{1}(t) = aj\pi A_{c}B\left[1 + \frac{2k_{f}m(t)}{B}\right]e^{j2\pi k_{f}\int m(t)dt}$$

$$\tilde{x}_{2}(t) = aj\pi A_{c}B\left[1 - \frac{2k_{f}m(t)}{B}\right]e^{j2\pi k_{f}\int m(t)dt}$$

$$x_{1}(t) = \pi A_{c}Ba\left[1 + \frac{2k_{f}m(t)}{B}\right]\cos\left(2\pi f_{c}t + 2\pi k_{f}\int m(t)dt + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$x_{2}(t) = \pi A_{c}Ba\left[1 - \frac{2k_{f}m(t)}{B}\right]\cos\left(2\pi f_{c}t + 2\pi k_{f}\int m(t)dt + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$y_{1}(t) - y_{2}(t) = 4\pi A_{c}ak_{f}m(t) = Km(t)$$
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