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Communication Systems I

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Topic 2:

Frequency Modulation (FM)

This Topic will cover

Frequency Modulation (FM)

- ▶ FM Time Domain
- ▶ FM Spectrum

Modulation

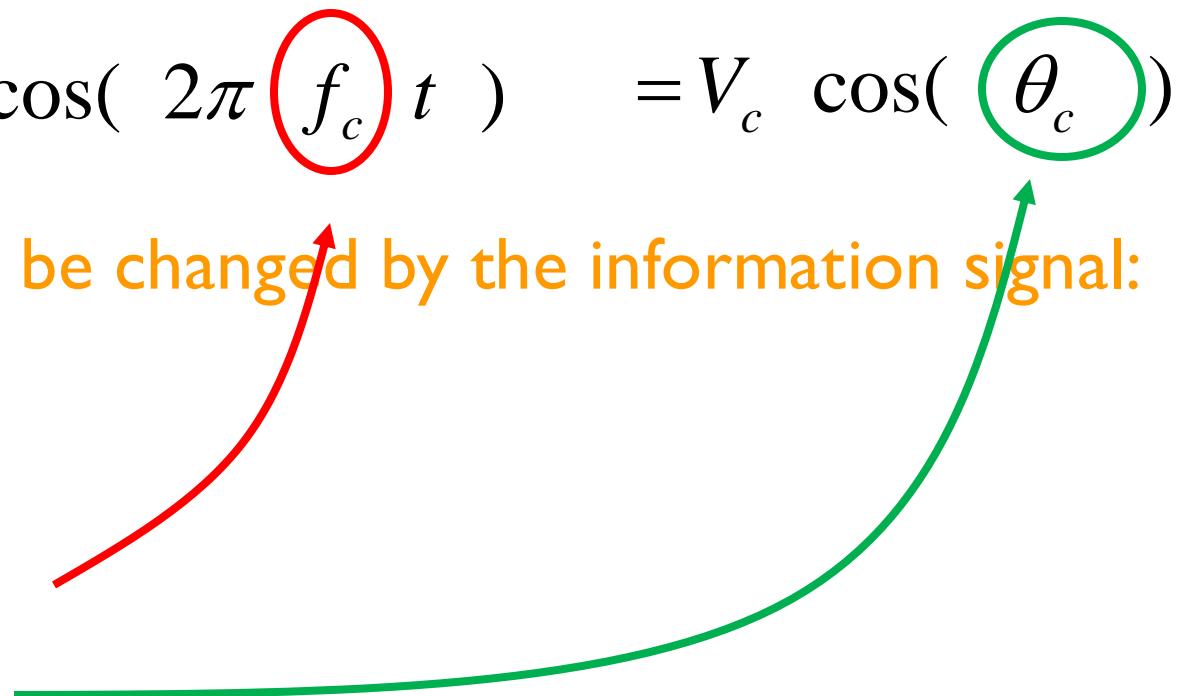
Q: What are the different types of Modulation?

The carrier is usually a sinusoidal signal:

$$v_c(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t) = V_c \cos(\theta_c)$$

Three things can be changed by the information signal:

1. Amplitude
2. Angle
 - i. Frequency
 - ii. Phase



Frequency Modulation

Q: What is Frequency Modulation ?

Angle Modulation is having the message signal alter the frequency of a carrier signal for transmission.

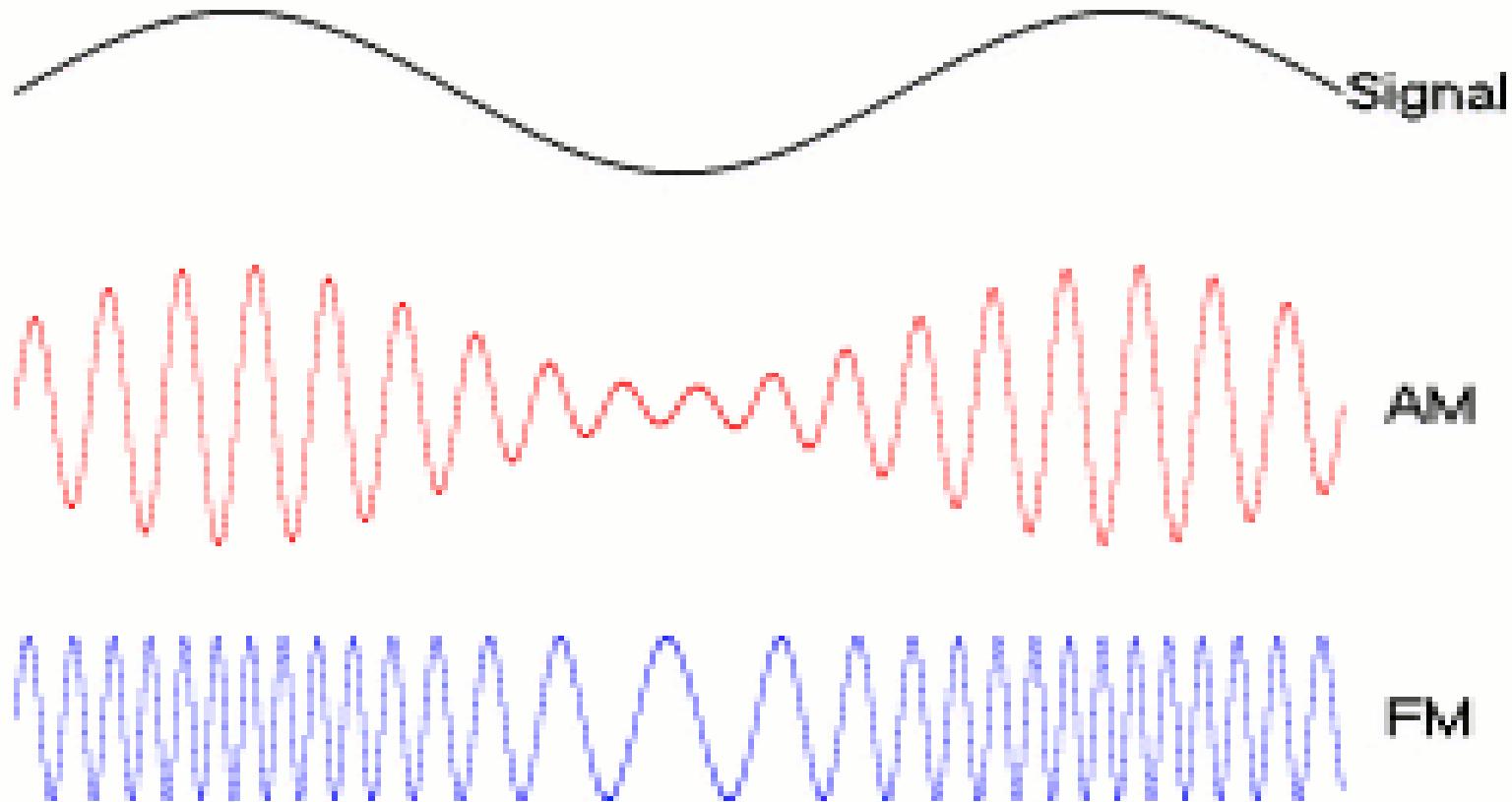
$$v_c(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t) = V_c \cos(\theta_c)$$

This will lead to the phase of the carrier changing with time (instantaneous phase):

$$v_{ang_mod}(t) = v_{FM/PM}(t) = V_c \cos(\theta_i(t))$$

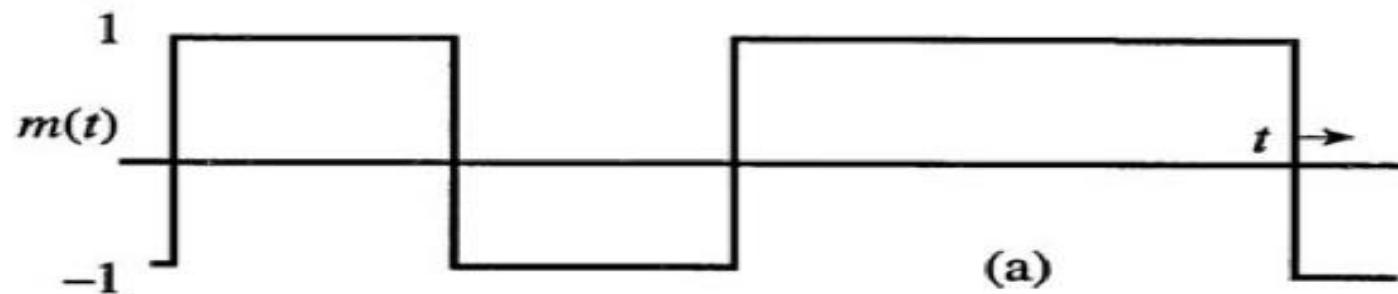
$$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^t f_i(\tau) d\tau \quad \text{and} \quad f_i(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \theta_i(t)$$

Examples of FM Waveform

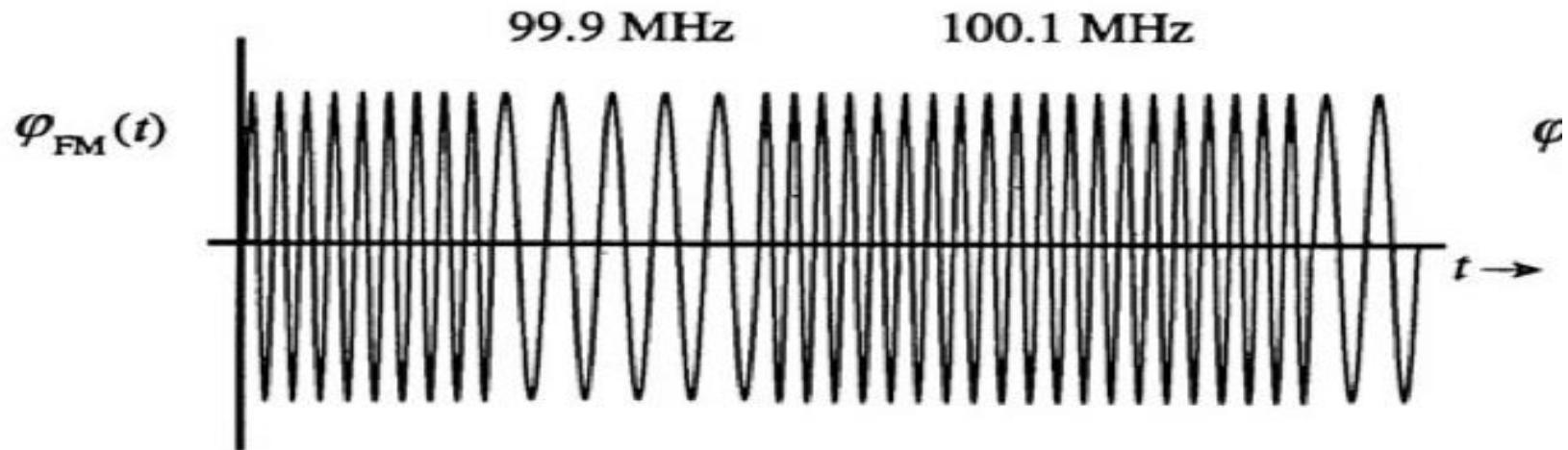


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Examples of FM Waveform



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FM in Time Domain

Frequency Modulation (FM)

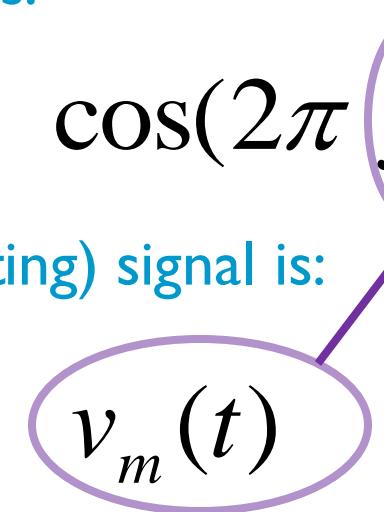
Q: What is an FM signal?

Assume our carrier signal is:

$$v_c(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

$$f_c \gg f_m$$

And our message (modulating) signal is:



$$f_c > 10 f_m$$

A Frequency Modulated signal is when the message varies the frequency of the carrier.

Frequency Modulation (FM)

Q: What do we get?

The carrier frequency changes with the message signal. So the instantaneous frequency is:

Frequency Sensitivity (Hz/V)

$$f_i(t) = f_c + k_f (v_m(t))$$

Message signal

Instantaneous Unmodulated Carrier Frequency

Note that
the instantaneous frequency
of an FM signal
is directly related to
the Message signal

Frequency Modulation (FM)

Q: What is the phase (angle) of a FM signal?

Integrating with respect to time and multiplying by 2π to get the instantaneous phase:

$$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^t f_i(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int_{-\infty}^t v_m(\tau) d\tau$$

Note that
the instantaneous phase
of an FM signal
is directly related to
the integral of the
Message signal

Frequency Modulation (FM)

Q: What is a general expression for an FM signal?

We know that:

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(\theta_i(t))$$

Substituting:

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int_0^t v_m(\tau) d\tau))$$

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos \left[2\pi(f_c t + k_f \int_{-\infty}^{t-\infty} v_m(\tau) d\tau) \right]$$

Frequency Modulation (FM)

Q: What is the expression for an FM signal modulated with a single tone? $v_m(t) = V_m \cos(2\pi f_m t)$

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int_{-\infty}^t v_m(\tau) d\tau))$$

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + \frac{k_f V_m}{f_m} \sin(2\pi f_m t))$$

Frequency deviation

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + \frac{\Delta f}{f_m} \sin(2\pi f_m t))$$

$$\Delta f = k_f V_m = m_f f_m$$

Modulation index

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + m_f \sin(2\pi f_m t))$$

Frequency Modulation (FM)

Q: What is the instantaneous frequency of an FM signal modulated with a single tone?

$$f_i(t) = f_c + k_f (v_m(t))$$

$$f_i(t) = f_c + k_f V_m \cos(2\pi f_m t)$$

Frequency deviation

$$f_i(t) = f_c + \Delta f \cos(2\pi f_m t)$$

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Frequency Modulation (FM)

Q: What is the instantaneous phase of an FM signal modulated with a single tone?

$$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int_{-\infty}^t v_m(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int_{-\infty}^t V_m \cos(2\pi f_m \tau) d\tau$$

$$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi f_c t + \frac{k_f V_m}{f_m} \sin(2\pi f_m t)$$

Modulation index

$$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi f_c t + m_f \sin(2\pi f_m t)$$

$$m_f = \frac{k_f V_m}{f_m}$$

Frequency Modulation

Example: Draw the following FM signal?

$$v_c(t) = 5 \cos(40\pi t)$$

$$f_c = \dots$$

$$V_c = \dots$$

$$v_m(t) = 5 \cos(\pi t)$$

$$f_m = \dots$$

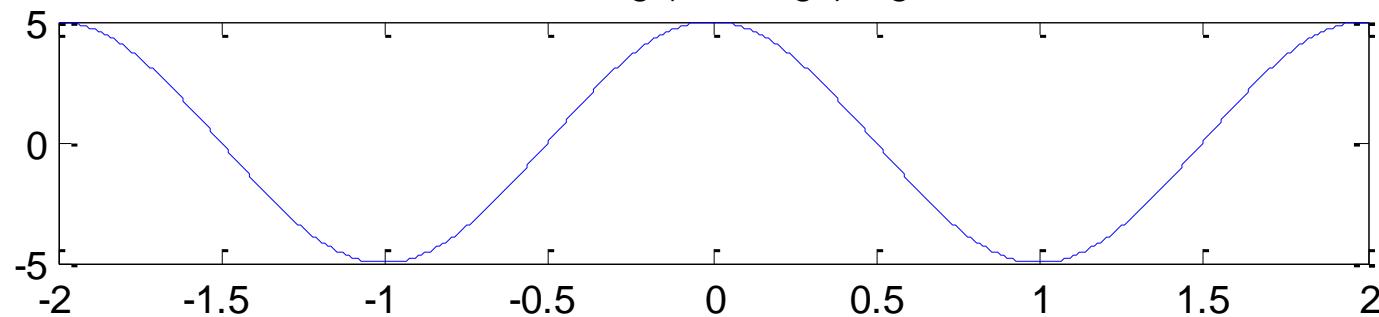
$$V_m = \dots$$

Modulation index $k_f = 2 \Rightarrow$

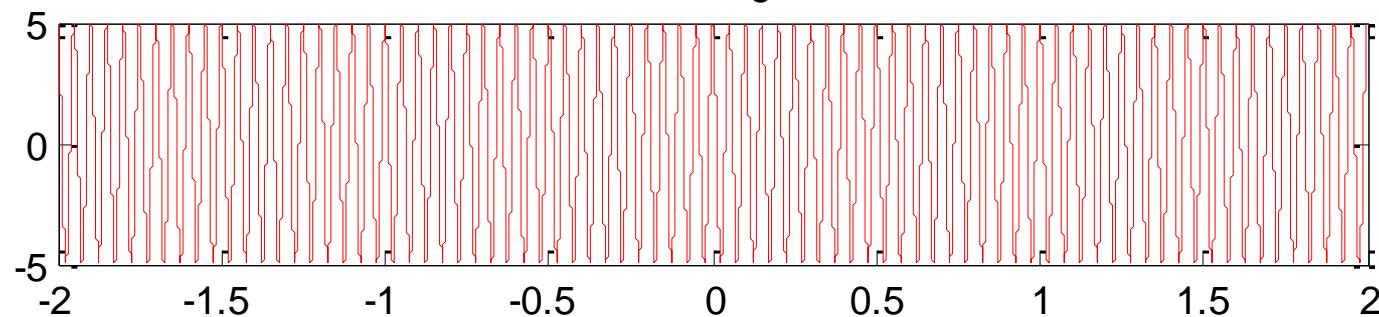
$$m_f = \frac{k_f V_m}{f_m} = \dots$$

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + m_f \sin(2\pi f_m t))$$

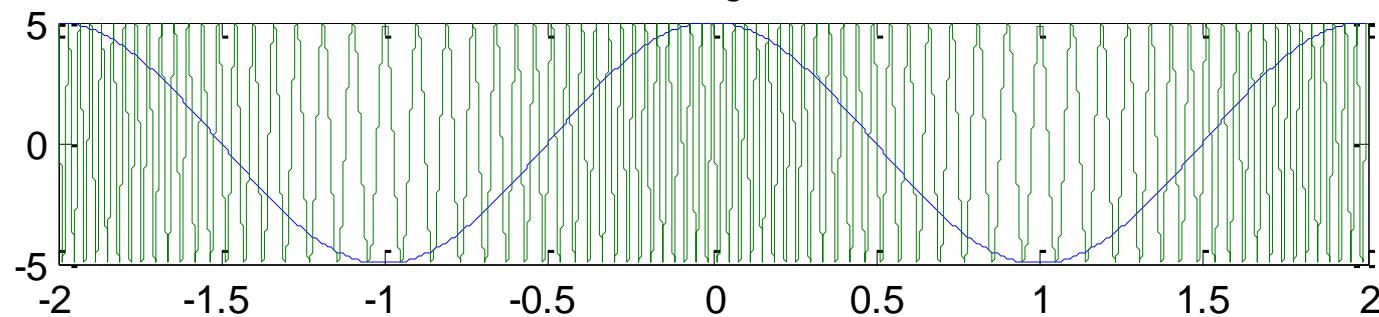
modulating (message) signal



carrier signal



FM signal



Frequency Modulation

Example: Draw the following FM signal?

$$v_c(t) = \boxed{3} \cos(40\pi t)$$

$$f_c = \dots$$

$$V_c = \dots$$

$$v_m(t) = 5 \cos(\pi t)$$

$$f_m = \dots$$

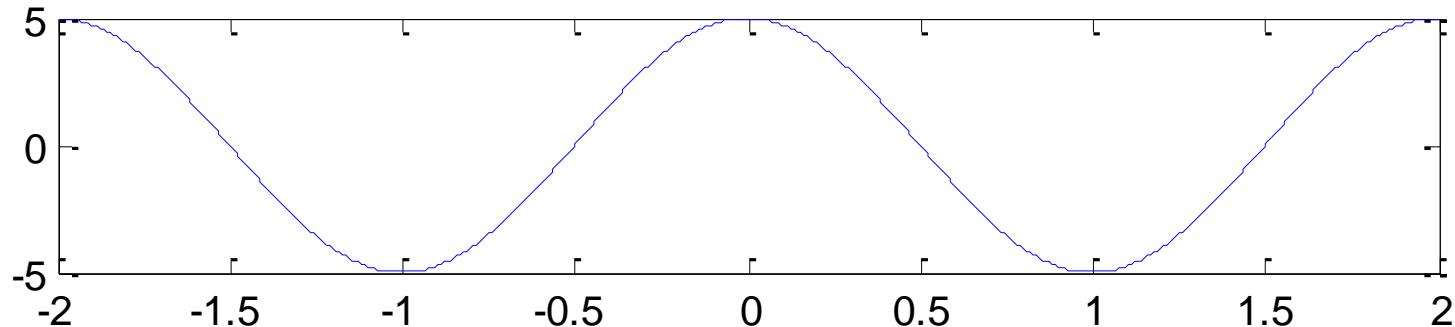
$$V_m = \dots$$

Modulation index $k_f = 2 \Rightarrow$

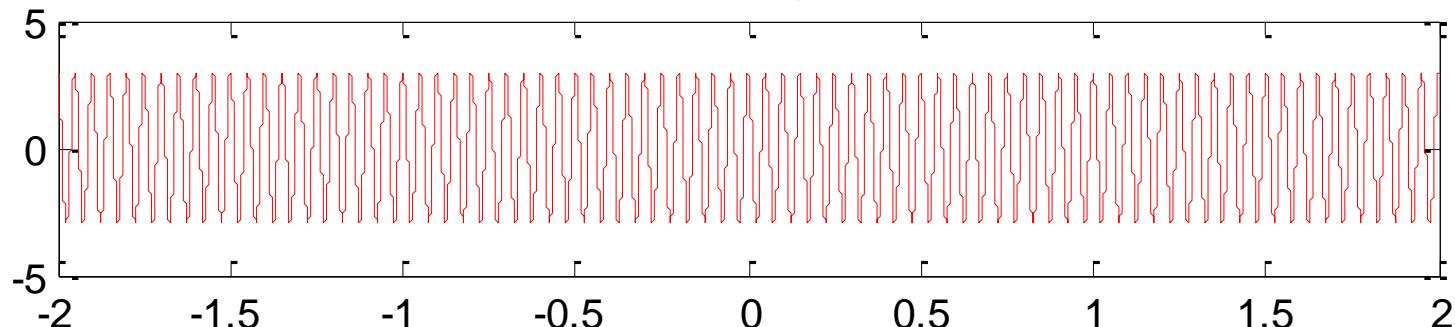
$$m_f = \frac{k_f V_m}{f_m} = \dots$$

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + m_f \sin(2\pi f_m t))$$

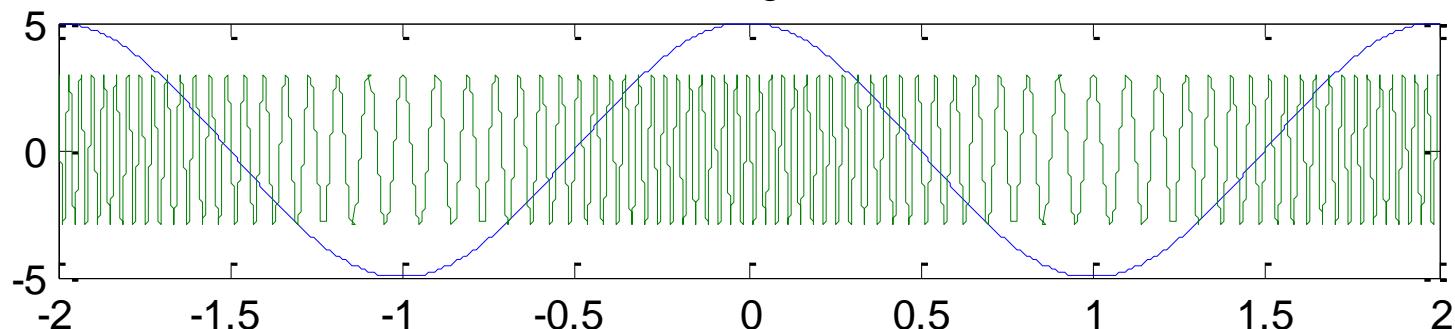
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FM signal



Frequency Modulation

Example: Draw the following FM signal?

$$v_c(t) = 5 \cos(40\pi t)$$

$$f_c = \dots$$

$$V_c = \dots$$

$$v_m(t) = \boxed{3} \cos(\pi t)$$

$$f_m = \dots$$

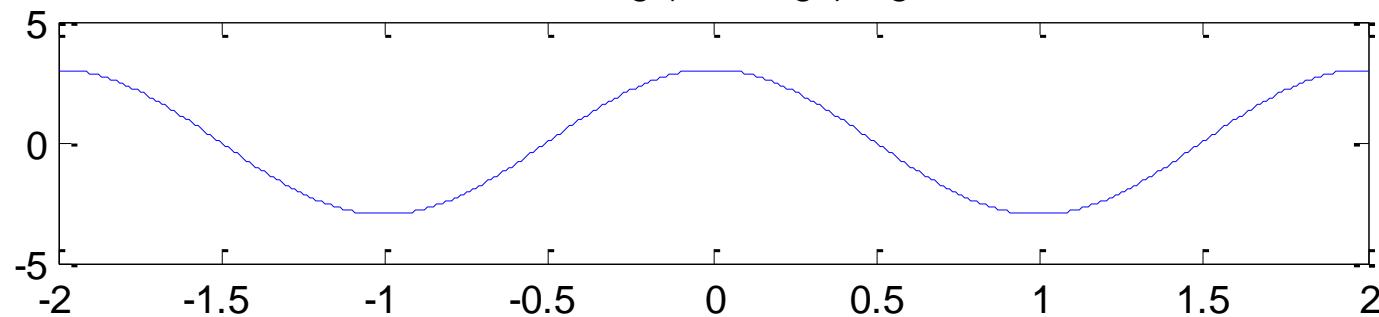
$$V_m = \dots$$

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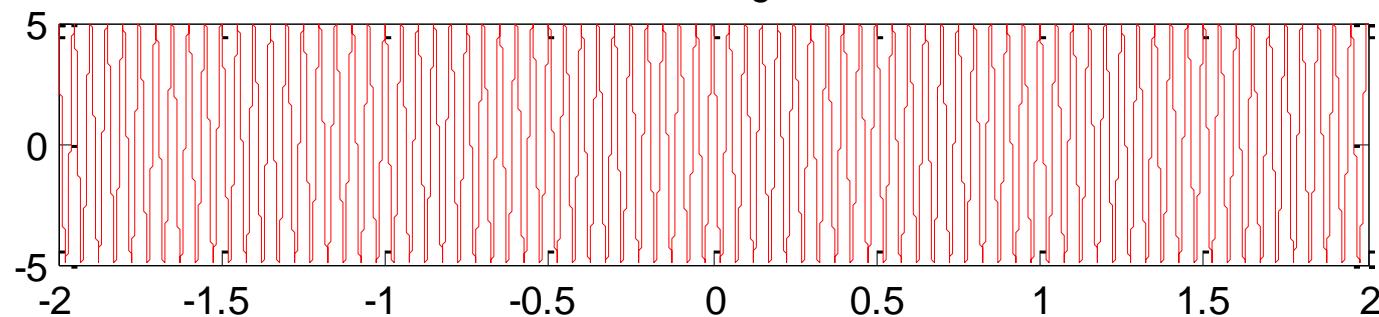
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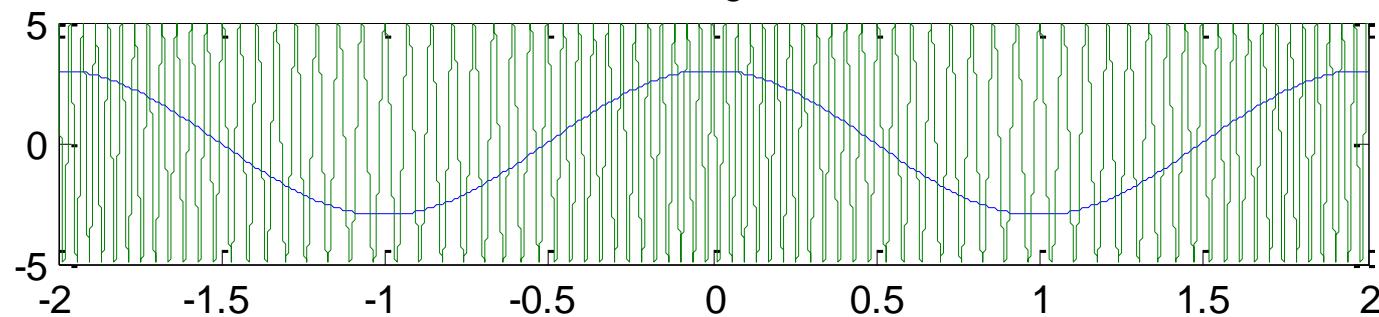
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FM signal



Frequency Modulation

Example: Draw the following FM signal?

$$v_c(t) = 5 \cos(40\pi t)$$

$$f_c = \dots$$

$$V_c = \dots$$

$$v_m(t) = 5 \cos(\pi t)$$

$$f_m = \dots$$

$$V_m = \dots$$

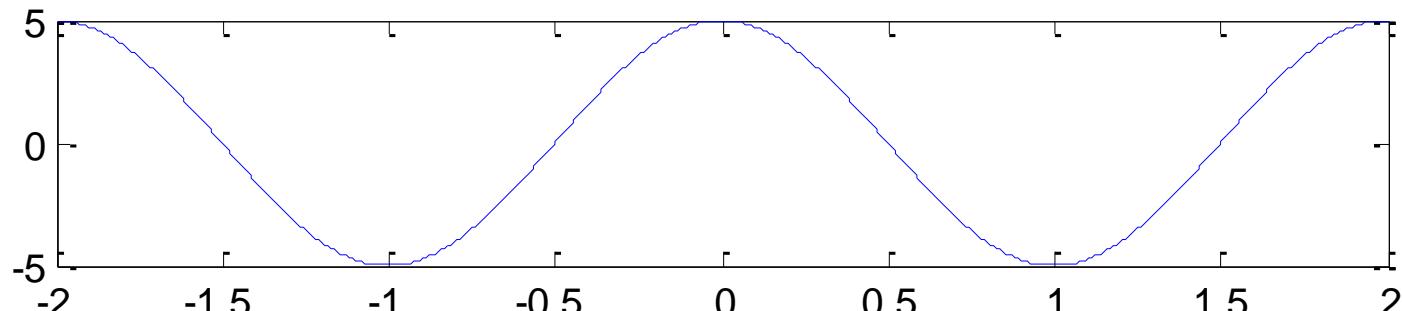
Modulation index $k_f = 4 \Rightarrow$

$$k_f = 4$$

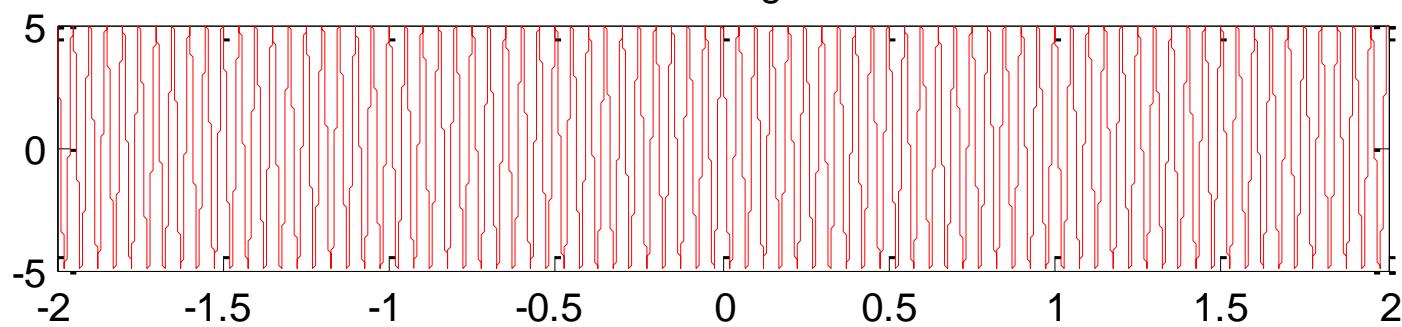
$$m_f = \frac{k_f V_m}{f_m} = \dots$$

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + m_f \sin(2\pi f_m t))$$

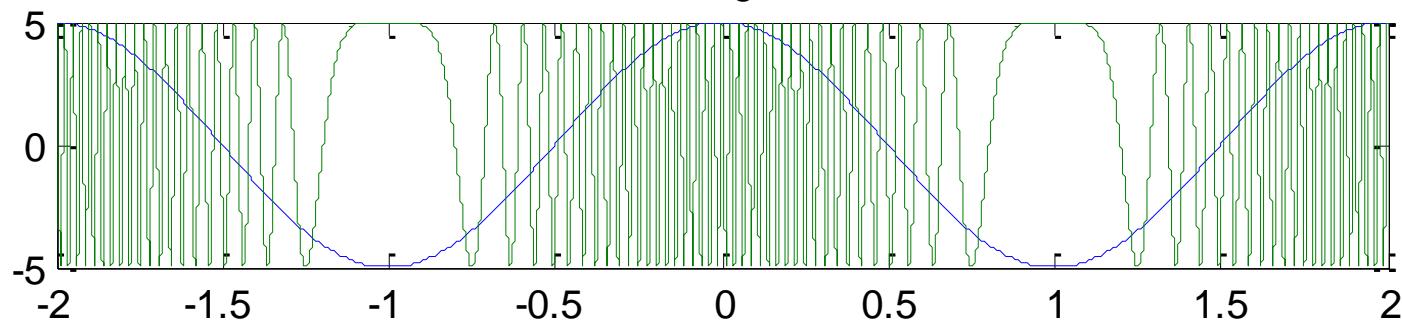
modulating (message) signal



carrier signal



FM signal



Frequency Modulation

Example: What do you conclude?

Frequency Modulation: Summary

	Frequency Modulation (FM)
Instantaneous Phase	$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int_{-\infty}^t v_m(\tau) d\tau$
Instantaneous Frequency	$f_i(t) = f_c + k_f (v_m(t))$
Modulated signal	$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int_{-\infty}^t v_m(\tau) d\tau)$

Frequency Modulation: Summary

	Frequency Modulation (FM)
Sensitivity	$k_f \text{ (Hz/V)}$
Frequency deviation	$\Delta f = k_f V_m = m_f f_m \text{ (Hz)}$
Modulation index	$m_f = \frac{k_f V_m}{f_m}$

Angle Modulation: Summary for Single tone modulation

Frequency Modulation (FM)	
Instantaneous Phase	$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi f_c t + m_f \sin(2\pi f_m t)$
Instantaneous Frequency	$f_i(t) = f_c + \Delta f \cos(2\pi f_m t)$
Modulated signal	$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + m_f \sin(2\pi f_m t))$

$$v_m(t) = V_m \cos(2\pi f_m t)$$



Frequency Modulation: Frequency Domain

Wide band FM Spectrum

Q:What if the modulation index m_f is large ?

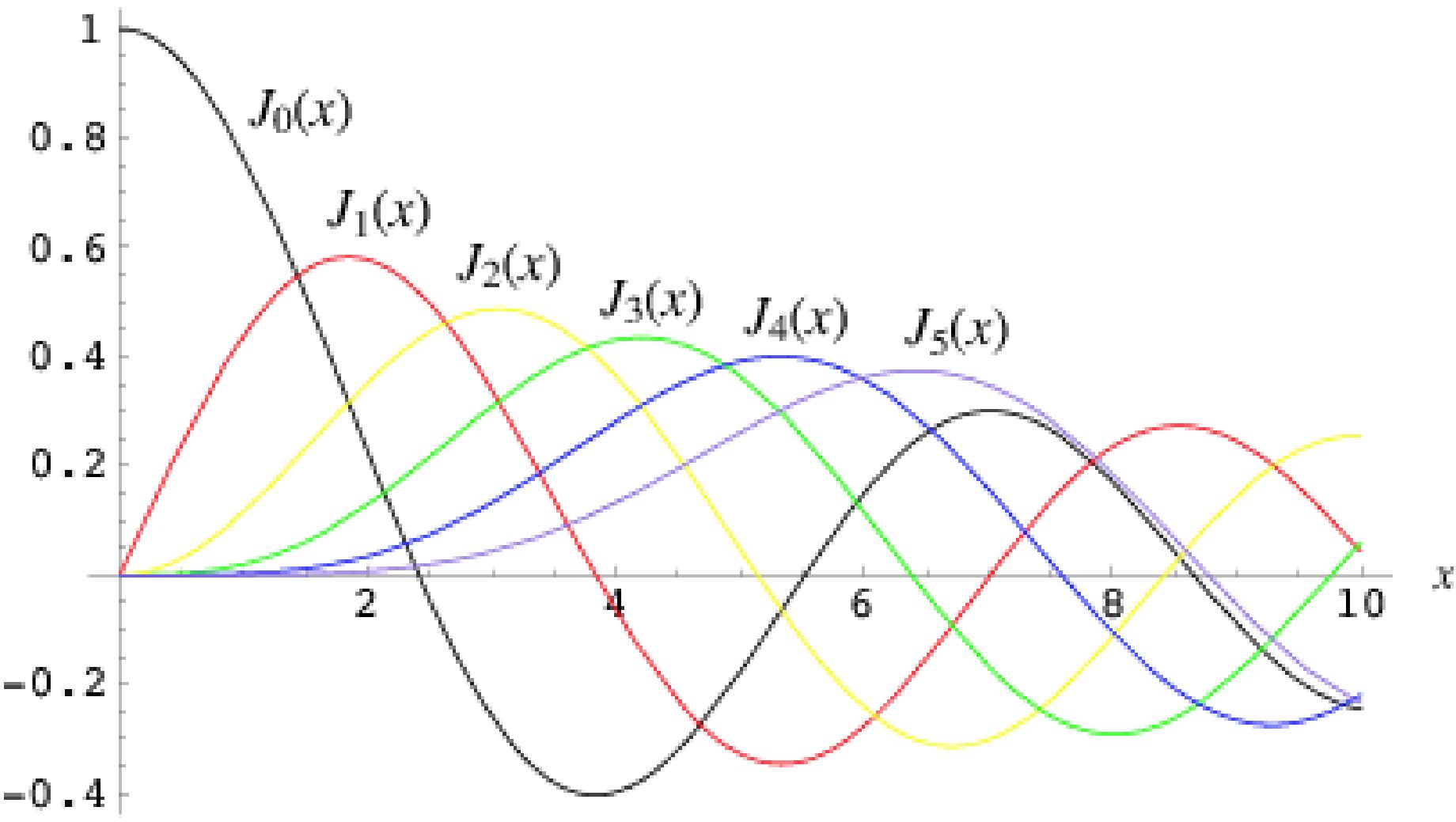
We cannot use the approximation:

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + m_f \sin(2\pi f_m t))$$

Using Bessel functions:

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + m_f \sin(2\pi f_m t)) = V_c \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c + n f_m)t]$$

where

$J_n(x)$ 

Wide band FM Spectrum

Q: Expand the expression for WB-FM?

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c + nf_m)t]$$

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dots\dots \\ + J_{-3}(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c - 3f_m)t] \\ + J_{-2}(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c - 2f_m)t] \\ + J_{-1}(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c - f_m)t] \\ + J_0(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c)t] \\ + J_1(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c + f_m)t] \\ + J_2(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c + 2f_m)t] \\ + J_3(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c + 3f_m)t] \\ + \dots\dots\dots \end{array} \right\}$$

$$J_n(m_f) = (-1)^n J_{-n}(m_f)$$

Wide band FM Spectrum

Example: Sketch the spectrum of the following FM signal?

$$v_c(t) = 5 \cos(40\pi t)$$

$$v_m(t) = 5 \cos(2\pi t)$$

$$f_c = \dots$$

$$f_m = \dots$$

$$V_c = \dots$$

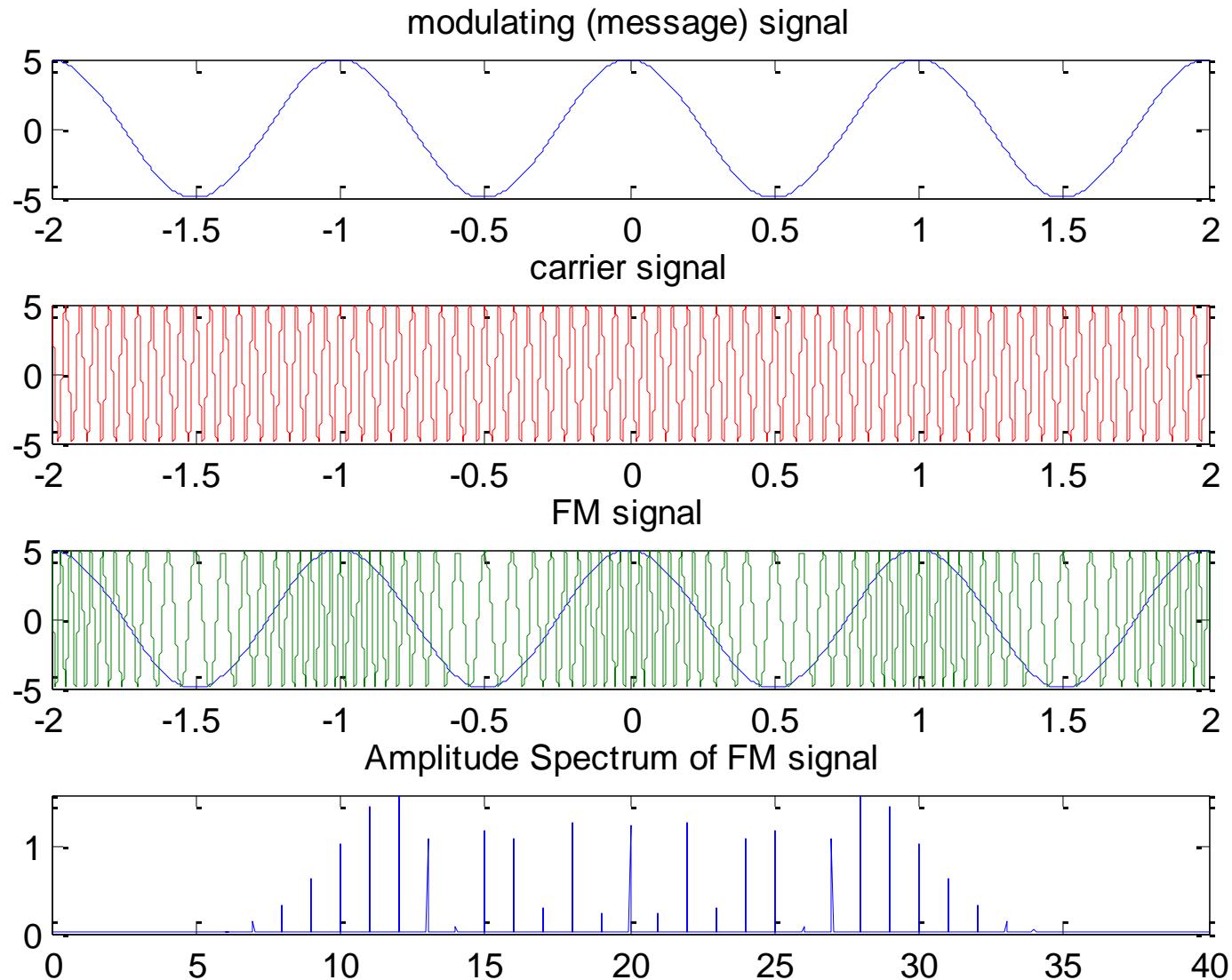
$$V_m = \dots$$

Modulation index

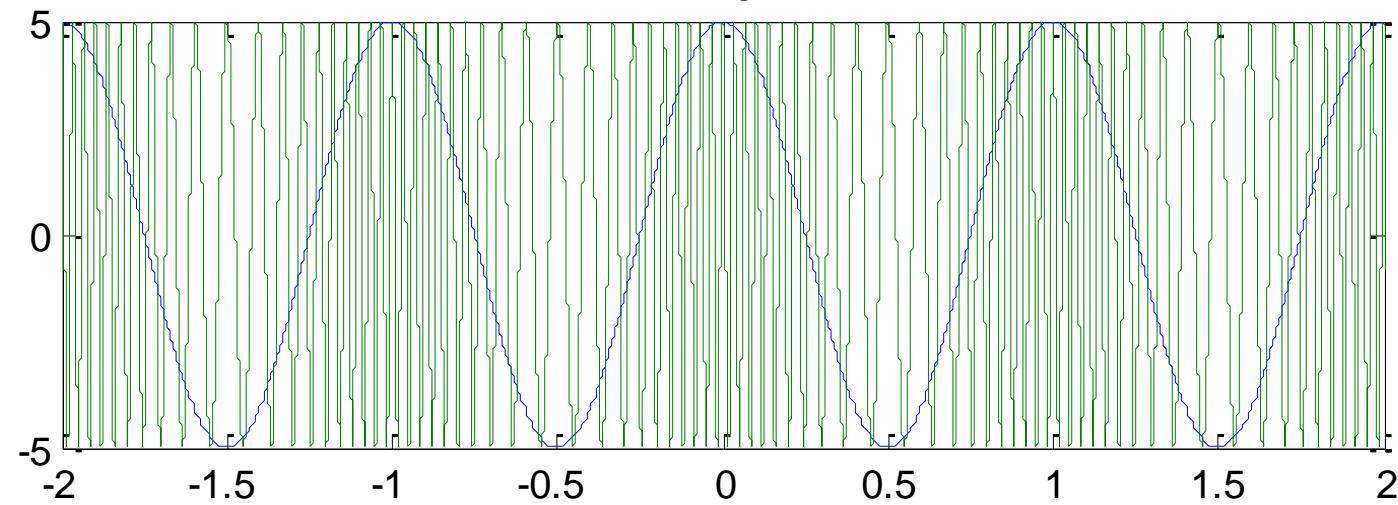
$$k_f = 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$m_f = \frac{k_f V_m}{f_m} = \dots$$

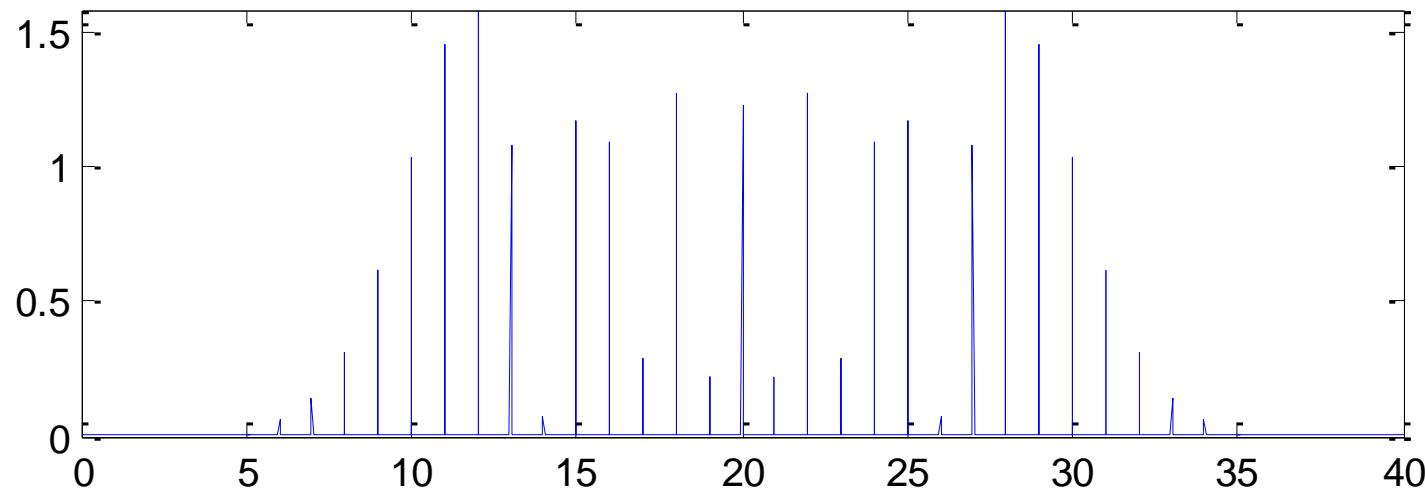
$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c + n f_m)t]$$



FM signal



Amplitude Spectrum of FM signal



Examples of FM (tone modulation)

Example: Sketch the spectrum for the following FM signal?

$$v_c(t) = 5 \cos(40\pi t)$$

$$v_m(t) = \cos(2\pi t)$$

$$k_f = 2$$

Frequency Deviation

$$\Delta f = k_f V_m = \dots\dots$$

Modulation index

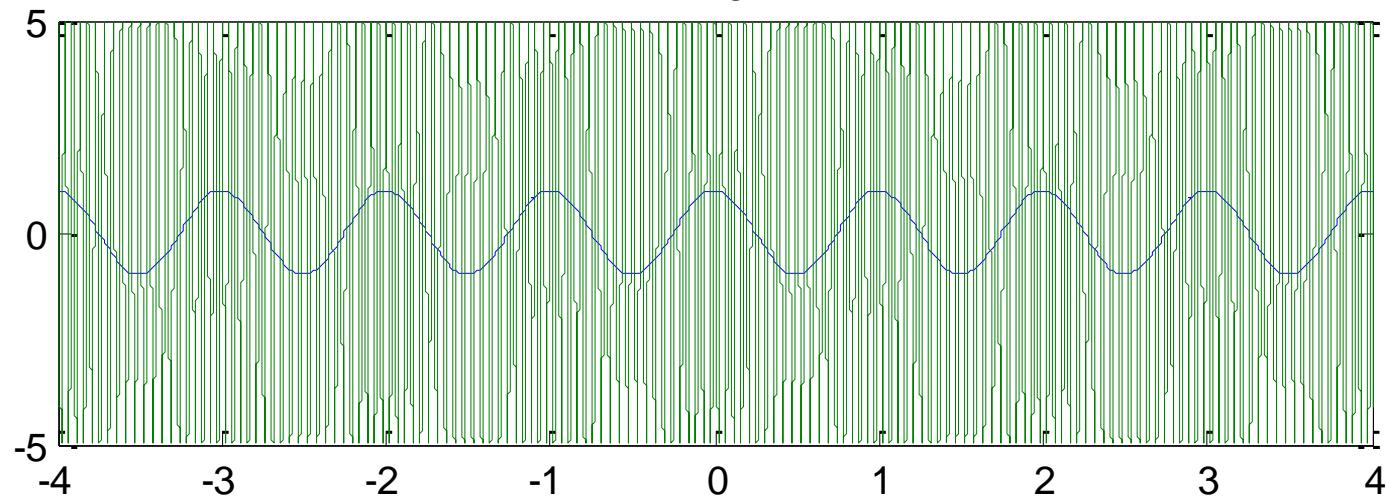
$$m_f = \frac{\Delta f}{f_m} = \dots\dots$$

$$v_{FM}(t) = V_c \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(m_f) \cos[2\pi(f_c + nf_m)t]$$

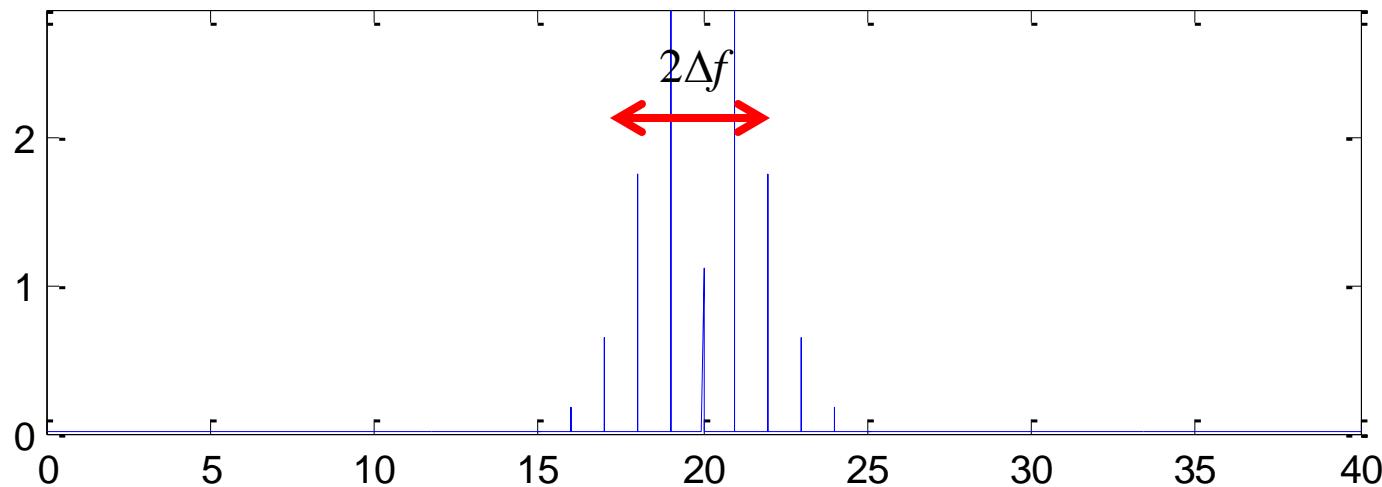
$$v_{FM}(t) = 5 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(2) \cos[2\pi(20+n)t]$$

$$v_{FM}(t) = 5 \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} J_{-5}(2) \cos[2\pi(15)t] \\ + J_{-4}(2) \cos[2\pi(16)t] \\ + J_{-3}(2) \cos[2\pi(17)t] \\ + J_{-2}(2) \cos[2\pi(18)t] \\ + J_{-1}(2) \cos[2\pi(19)t] \\ + J_0(2) \cos[2\pi(20)t] \\ + J_1(2) \cos[2\pi(21)t] \\ + J_2(2) \cos[2\pi(22)t] \\ + J_3(2) \cos[2\pi(23)t] \\ + J_4(2) \cos[2\pi(24)t] \\ + J_5(2) \cos[2\pi(25)t] \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -0.0352 \cos[2\pi(15)t] \\ + 0.1700 \cos[2\pi(16)t] \\ - 0.6447 \cos[2\pi(17)t] \\ + 1.7642 \cos[2\pi(18)t] \\ - 2.8836 \cos[2\pi(19)t] \\ + 1.1195 \cos[2\pi(20)t] \\ + 2.8836 \cos[2\pi(21)t] \\ + 1.7642 \cos[2\pi(22)t] \\ + 0.6447 \cos[2\pi(23)t] \\ + 0.1700 \cos[2\pi(24)t] \\ + 0.0352 \cos[2\pi(25)t] \end{array} \right\}$$

FM signal



Amplitude Spectrum of FM signal



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fm=0.5; fc=20; Vm=5; Vc=5; kf=0.2;
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mf=kf*Vm/fm
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ts=0.0001
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t=-40:ts:40;
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vfm =Vc * cos( 2*pi*fc*t) + mf*sin(2*pi*fm*t));
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N=length(t);
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f = [-N/2:N/2-1]/(N*ts);
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z = fftshift(fft(vfm))/N;
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plot(f, abs(z))
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xlim([fc-fm*10 fc+fm*10])
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Examples of FM (tone modulation)

Example: Sketch the spectrum for the following FM signals?

$$v_c(t) = 5 \cos(40\pi t)$$

$$v_m(t) = V_m \cos(2\pi t)$$

$$V_m = 1, 2, 5$$

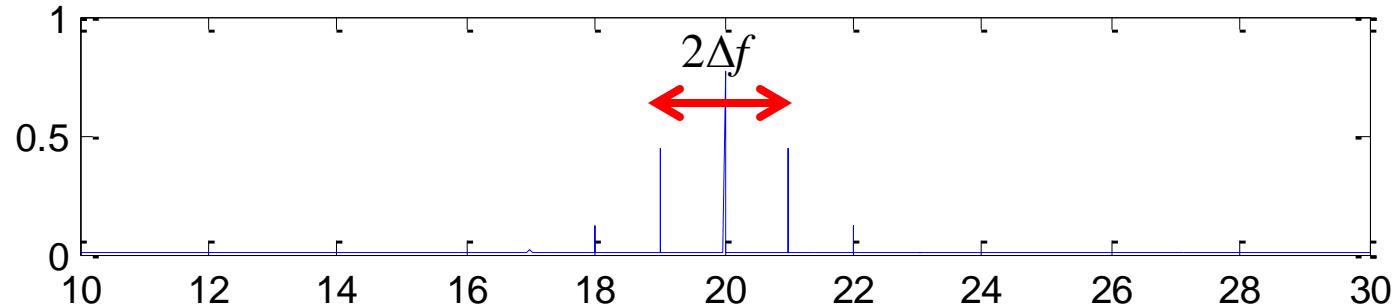
$$k_f = 1$$

Frequency Deviation $\Delta f = k_f V_m = \dots, \dots, \dots$

Modulation index $m_f = \frac{\Delta f}{f_m} = \dots, \dots, \dots$

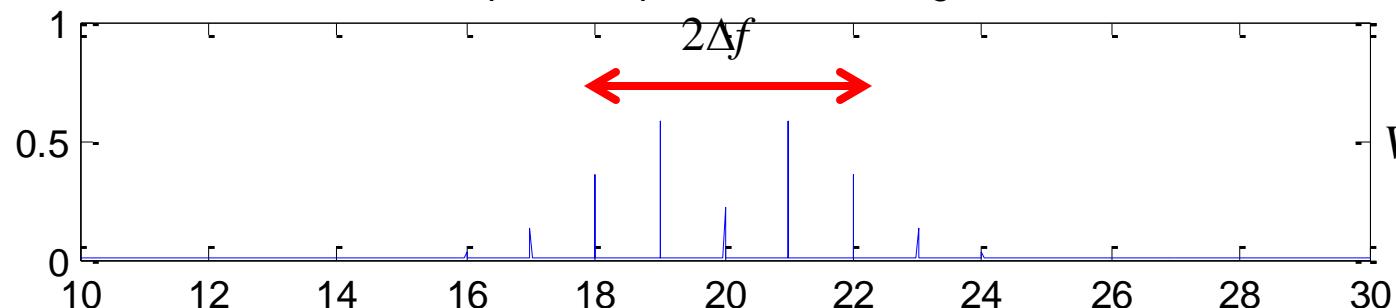
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Amplitude Spectrum of FM signal



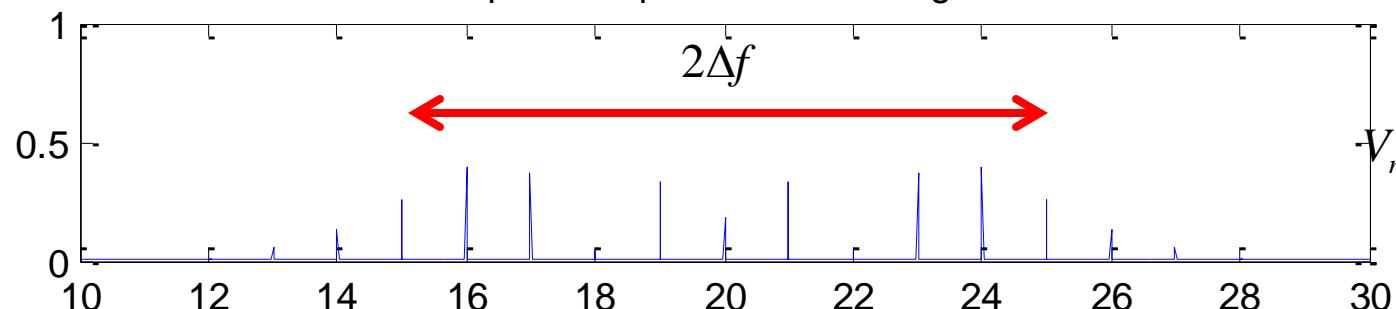
$$V_m = 1, \quad \Delta f = 1, \quad m_f = 1$$

Amplitude Spectrum of FM signal



$$V_m = 2, \quad \Delta f = 2, \quad m_f = 2$$

Amplitude Spectrum of FM signal



$$V_m = 5, \quad \Delta f = 5, \quad m_f = 5$$

Examples of FM (tone modulation)

Example: Sketch the spectrum for the following FM signals?

$$v_c(t) = 5 \cos(40\pi t)$$

$$v_m(t) = \cos(2\pi f_m t)$$

$$f_m = 1, \quad 0.5, \quad 0.2$$

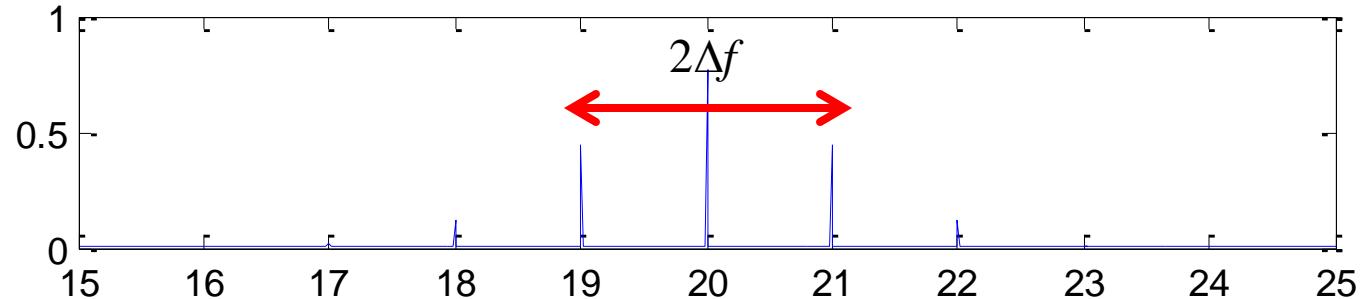
$$k_f = 1$$

Frequency Deviation $\Delta f = k_f V_m = \dots, \dots, \dots$

Modulation index $m_f = \frac{\Delta f}{f_m} = \dots, \dots, \dots$

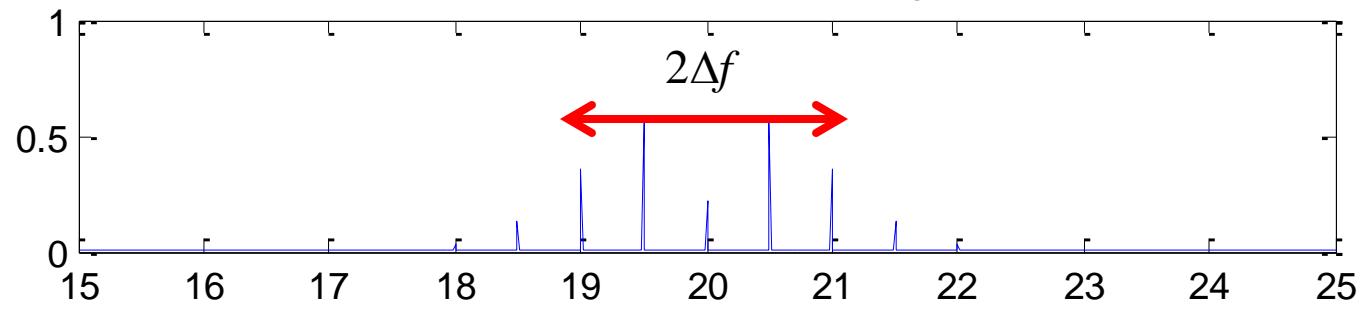
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Amplitude Spectrum of FM signal



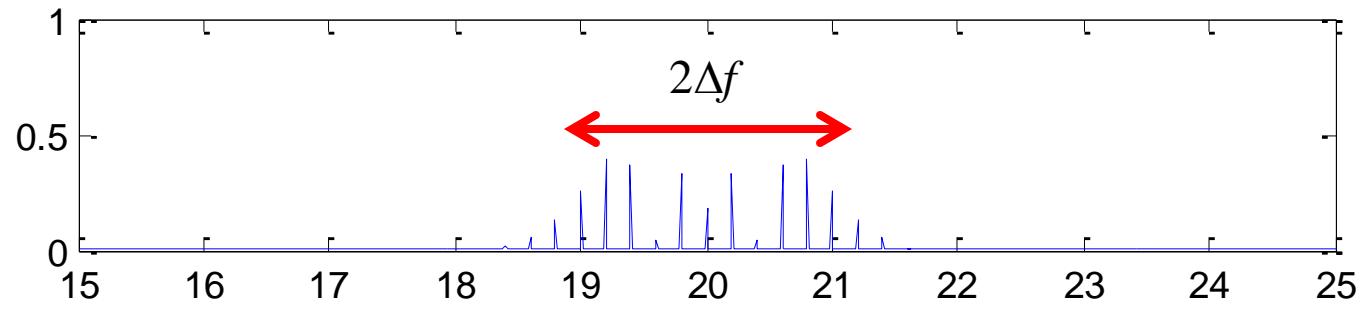
$$f_m = 1, \quad \Delta f = 1, \quad m_f = 1$$

Amplitude Spectrum of FM signal



$$f_m = 0.5, \quad \Delta f = 1, \quad m_f = 2$$

Amplitude Spectrum of FM signal



$$f_m = 0.2, \quad \Delta f = 1, \quad m_f = 5$$

Examples of FM (tone modulation)

Q: Compare the results on slides 62 and 64 for the same modulation index. What do you conclude?

FM Bandwidth

Q: What is the Bandwidth of an FM signal?

From Bessel Coefficient Table:

For a given modulation index m_f we determine the significant sidebands from the table.

If we have n significant sideband then:

$$BW = 2n f_m$$



FM Bandwidth

Q: What is the approximate Bandwidth of an FM signal?

Carlson's Rule:

states that nearly all (~98%) of the power of an FM lies within a bandwidth

$$BW \approx 2(\Delta f + f_m)$$

$$BW \approx 2f_m(m_f + 1)$$



But we have shown earlier that for narrow-band, the FM bandwidth is $2B$ Hz. This indicates that a better bandwidth estimate is

$$B_{\text{FM}} = 2(\Delta f + B) \quad (5.13\text{a})$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{k_f m_p}{2\pi} + B \right) \quad (5.13\text{b})$$

This is precisely the result obtained by Carson,¹ who investigated this problem rigorously for tone modulation [sinusoidal $m(t)$]. This formula goes under the name **Carson's rule** in the literature. Observe that for a truly wide-band case, where $\Delta f \gg B$, Eqs. (5.13) can be approximated as

$$B_{\text{FM}} \approx 2\Delta f \quad \Delta f \gg B \quad (5.14)$$

Because $\Delta\omega = k_f m_p$, this formula is precisely what the pioneers had used for FM bandwidth. The only mistake was in thinking that this formula will hold for all cases, especially for the narrow-band case, where $\Delta f \ll B$.

We define a deviation ratio β as

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta f}{B} \quad (5.15)$$

Carson's rule can be expressed in terms of the deviation ratio as

$$B_{\text{FM}} = 2B(\beta + 1) \quad (5.16)$$

The deviation ratio controls the amount of modulation and, consequently, plays a role similar to the modulation index in AM. Indeed, for the special case of tone-modulated FM, the deviation ratio β is called the **modulation index**.

FM Total transmitted Power

Q:What is the total power in an FM signal?

Since the amplitude of an FM signal is constant and equal to V_c then the total power in an FM wave is equal to:

$$P_T = \frac{V_c^2}{2}$$

Remember that:

$$P_T = P_C + P_{SB}$$



FM Total transmitted Power

Q: What is the power in the carrier and side bands?

For single tone modulation, the power in the carrier is:

$$P_C = \frac{(J_0(m_f) \cdot V_c)^2}{2} = (J_0(m_f))^2 \cdot \frac{V_c^2}{2} = (J_0(m_f))^2 \cdot P_T$$

The power in the n^{th} side bands is:

$$P_{SBn} = \frac{(J_n(m_f) \cdot V_c)^2}{2} = (J_n(m_f))^2 \cdot \frac{V_c^2}{2} = (J_n(m_f))^2 \cdot P_T$$

The total power in the sidebands is:

$$P_{SB} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (J_n(m_f))^2 P_T$$

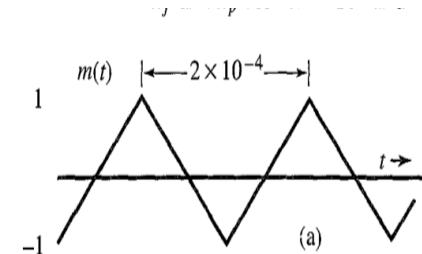


EXAMPLE 5.3

- (a) Estimate B_{FM} and B_{PM} for the modulating signal $m(t)$ in Fig. 5.4a for $k_f = 2\pi \times 10^5$ and $k_p = 5\pi$.

- (b) Repeat the problem if the amplitude of $m(t)$ is doubled [if $m(t)$ is multiplied by 2].

Repeat Example 5.3 if $m(t)$ is time-expanded by a factor of 2; that is, if the period of $m(t)$ is 4×10^{-4} .



(a) The peak amplitude of $m(t)$ is unity. Hence, $m_p = 1$. We now determine the essential bandwidth B of $m(t)$. It is left as an exercise for the reader to show that the Fourier series for this periodic signal is given by

$$m(t) = \sum_n C_n \cos n\omega_0 t \quad \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{2 \times 10^{-4}} = 10^4 \pi$$

where

$$C_n = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{\pi^2 n^2} & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

It can be seen that the harmonic amplitudes decrease rapidly with n . The third harmonic is only 11% of the fundamental, and the fifth harmonic is only 4% of the fundamental. This means the third and fifth harmonic powers are 1.21 and 0.16%, respectively, of the fundamental component power. Hence, we are justified in assuming the essential bandwidth of $m(t)$ as the frequency of the third harmonic, that is, $3(10^4/2)$ Hz. Thus,

$$B = 15 \text{ kHz}$$

For FM:

$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{2\pi} k_f m_p = \frac{1}{2\pi} (2\pi \times 10^5)(1) = 100 \text{ kHz}$$

and

$$B_{\text{FM}} = 2(\Delta f + B) = 230 \text{ kHz}$$

Alternately, the deviation ratio β is given by

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta f}{B} = \frac{100}{15}$$

and

$$B_{\text{FM}} = 2B(\beta + 1) = 30 \left(\frac{100}{15} + 1 \right) = 230 \text{ kHz}$$

- (b) Doubling $m(t)$ doubles its peak value. Hence, $m_p = 2$. But its bandwidth is unchanged so that $B = 15 \text{ kHz}$.

For FM:

$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{2\pi} k_f m_p = \frac{1}{2\pi} (2\pi \times 10^5)(2) = 200 \text{ kHz}$$

and

$$B_{\text{FM}} = 2(\Delta f + B) = 430 \text{ kHz}$$

Alternately, the deviation ratio β is given by

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta f}{B} = \frac{200}{15}$$

and

$$B_{\text{FM}} = 2B(\beta + 1) = 30 \left(\frac{200}{15} + 1 \right) = 430 \text{ kHz}$$

Recall that time expansion of a signal by a factor of 2 reduces the signal spectral width (bandwidth) by a factor of 2. We can verify this by observing that the fundamental frequency is now 2.5 kHz, and its third harmonic is 7.5 kHz. Hence, $B = 7.5 \text{ kHz}$, which is half the previous bandwidth. Moreover, time expansion does not affect the peak amplitude so that $m_p = 1$. However, m'_p is halved, that is, $m'_p = 10,000$.

For FM:

$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{2\pi} k_f m_p = 100 \text{ kHz}$$

$$B_{\text{FM}} = 2(\Delta f + B) = 2(100 + 7.5) = 215 \text{ kHz}$$

An angle-modulated signal with carrier frequency $\omega_c = 2\pi \times 10^5$ is described by the equation

$$\varphi_{EM}(t) = 10 \cos(\omega_c t + 5 \sin 3000t + 10 \sin 2000\pi t)$$

- (a) Find the power of the modulated signal.
- (b) Find the frequency deviation Δf .
- (c) Find the deviation ratio β .
- (e) Estimate the bandwidth of $\varphi_{EM}(t)$.

The signal bandwidth is the highest frequency in $m(t)$ (or its derivative). In this case $B = 2000\pi/2\pi = 1000$ Hz.

- (a) The carrier amplitude is 10, and the power is

$$P = 10^2/2 = 50$$

- (b) To find the frequency deviation Δf , we find the instantaneous frequency ω_i , given by

$$\omega_i = \frac{d}{dt}\theta(t) = \omega_c + 15,000 \cos 3000t + 20,000\pi \cos 2000\pi t$$

The carrier deviation is $15,000 \cos 3000t + 20,000\pi \cos 2000\pi t$. The two sinusoids will add in phase at some point, and the maximum value of this expression is $15,000 + 20,000\pi$. This is the maximum carrier deviation $\Delta\omega$. Hence,

$$\Delta f = \frac{\Delta\omega}{2\pi} = 12,387.32 \text{ Hz}$$

- (c)

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta f}{B} = \frac{12,387.32}{1000} = 12.387$$

- (e)

$$B_{EM} = 2(\Delta f + B) = 26,774.65 \text{ Hz}$$

Observe the generality of this method of estimating the bandwidth of an angle-modulated waveform. We need not know whether it is FM, PM, or some other kind of angle modulation. It is applicable to any angle-modulated signal.