

EE 421: Communications I

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Assignment 1: DSB-SC Modulation and Demodulation

Do **NOT** submit this assignment. It will be included in the Test material.

Q1. Using MATLAB, create a time axis between [0, 0.1] seconds with a sampling interval of $\Delta t = 1 \times 10^{-5}$ seconds, as follows: $t = 0 : 1/1e5 : 0.1$; Now sketch the following signals in time domain:

Modulating signal (low-frequency sinusoidal): $m_t = \cos(2\pi \cdot 25 \cdot t);$

Carrier signal (high-frequency sinusoidal): $c_t = \cos(2\pi \cdot 210 \cdot t);$

DSB-SC Modulated signal: $\text{phi}_t = m_t .* c_t;$

Q2. Identify the 180 degrees phase shifts in the modulated signals. Why do we get such phase shifts?

Q3. Now change the message signal to $m_t = \text{sawtooth}(2\pi \cdot 25 \cdot t)$, or a repeated half-triangular pulse train: $d = 0 : 1/50 : 0.1$; $m_t = \text{pulstran}(t, d, \text{'tripuls'}, 0.01, -1) - 0.5$; Plot the *modulating*, *carrier* and *modulated* signals again. Did you notice the abrupt changes in phase?

Q4. Using MATLAB, sketch the following signals in time domain in the interval [0, 0.1] seconds:

DSB-SC Modulated signal: $\text{phi}_t = m_t .* c_t;$

After multiplication at the receiver: $x_t = \text{phi}_t .* c_t;$

Recovered signal: The above signal $x(t)$ passed through a LPF. This can be done in MATLAB as follows¹:

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y_t = filtfilt([1 2 1],[1 -1.996889984444418 0.996894813039884], ...  
             x_t)*1.20714892591976e-12;
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For the above digital filter to work correctly, you need to make sure you use a sampling frequency of 100 kHz. In other words, successive samples of your signals should be 1×10^{-5} seconds apart.

Q5. What does the recovered signal look like?

¹ The filter used here is a second-order digital LPF with cutoff frequency = 30 Hz.