



Frequency Modulation

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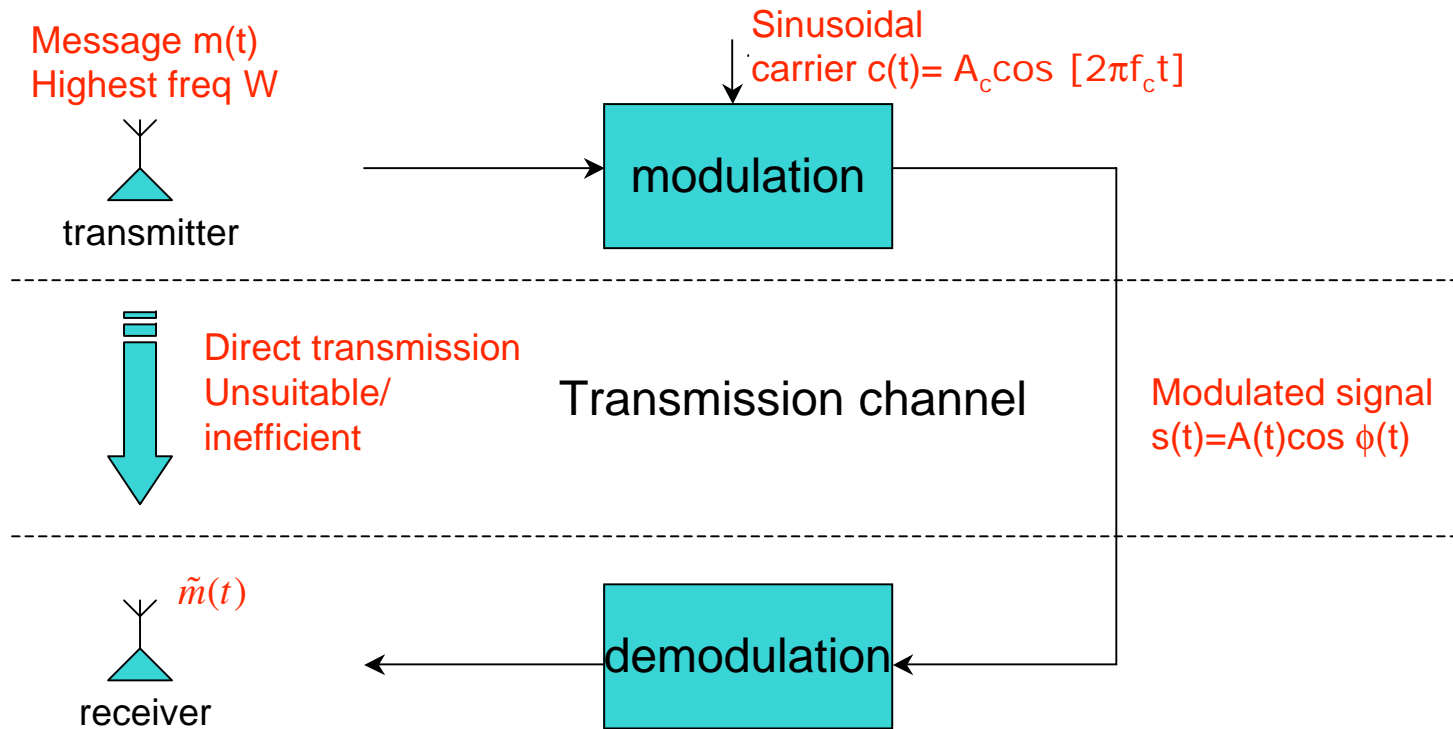
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Recall...What is modulation?



- $s(t)$ obtained by varying *characteristic* of $c(t)$ according to $m(t)$
 - **Amplitude** $A(t) \leftrightarrow$ Amplitude Modulation
 - **Angle** $\phi(t) \leftrightarrow$ Angle Modulation



Recall...Amplitude Modulation

- $s(t) = A_c [1 + k_a m(t)] \cos 2\pi f_c t$
- Envelope of $s(t)$ has *same* shape as $m(t)$ provided:
 - $|k_a m(t)| < 1$
 - $f_c \gg W$
- Easy and cheap to generate $s(t)$ and reverse



Recall...Amplitude Modulation

- Drawbacks of AM
 - wasteful of **power**
 - transmission of carrier
 - wasteful of **bandwidth**
 - transmission bandwidth, $B_T = 2W$
- Improved resource utilization (power or bandwidth) traded-off with increased system complexity
- Angle modulation offers practical means of trading-off between power and bandwidth

Angle modulation

○ $s(t) = A_c \cos[\theta_i(t)], \quad f_i(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_i(t)}{dt}$

- Phase Modulation (PM)

$$\theta_i(t) = 2\pi f_c t + k_p m(t)$$

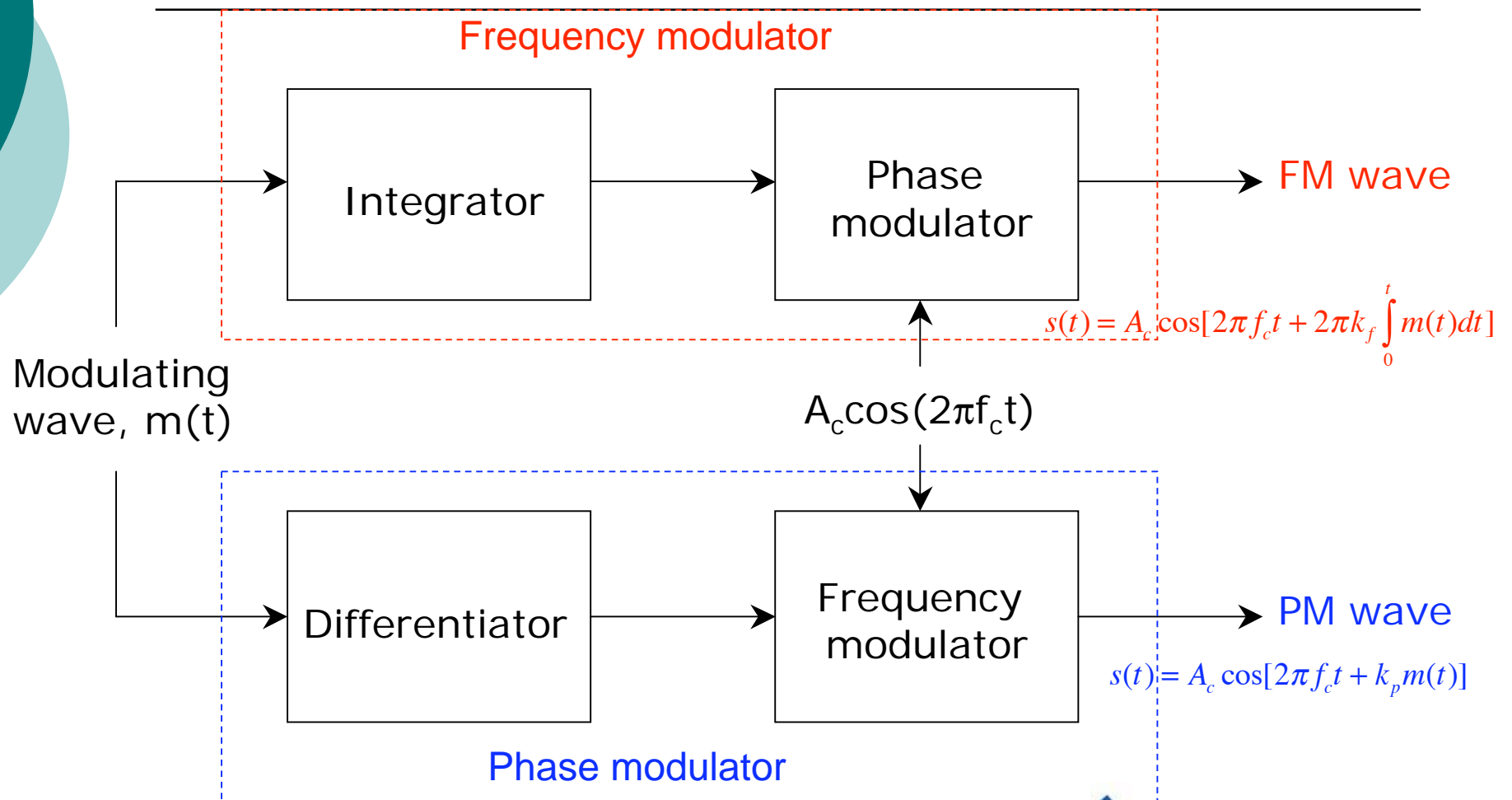
$$\Rightarrow s(t) = A_c \cos[2\pi f_c t + k_p m(t)]$$

- Frequency Modulation (FM)

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

$$\Rightarrow s(t) = A_c \cos\left[2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int_0^t m(t) dt\right]$$

PM vs FM



Frequency modulation

- FM signal: $s(t) = A_c \cos[2\pi f_c t + 2\pi k_f \int_0^t m(t) dt]$ Non-linear function of $m(t)$
- Consider single tone signal: $m(t) = A_m \cos 2\pi f_m t$

- $f_i(t) = f_c + k_f m(t)$
 $= f_c + k_f A_m \cos[2\pi f_m t]$
 $= f_c + \Delta f \cos[2\pi f_m t]$ Frequency deviation

- $\theta_i(t) = 2\pi \int_0^t f_i(t) dt$
 $= 2\pi f_c t + \frac{\Delta f}{f_m} \sin[2\pi f_m t]$
 $= 2\pi f_c t + \beta \sin[2\pi f_m t]$ Modulation index

- $s(t) = A_c \cos[2\pi f_c t + \beta \sin(2\pi f_m t)]$

Narrowband FM ($\beta \ll 1$)

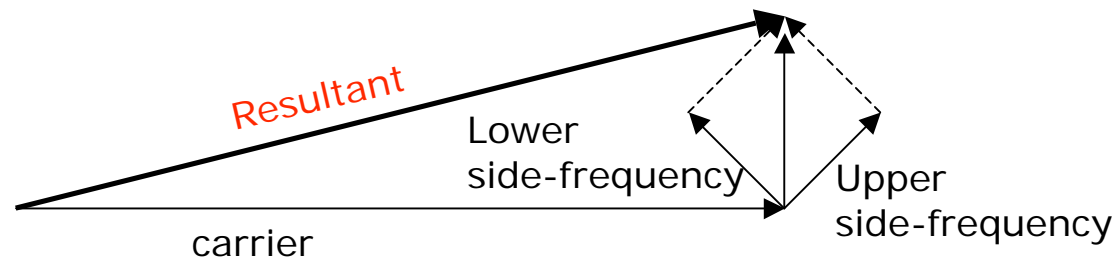
Expanding $s(t)$, we have:

$$s(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t) \cos[\beta \sin(2\pi f_m t)] - A_c \sin(2\pi f_c t) \sin[\beta \sin(2\pi f_m t)]$$

≈ 1 $\approx \beta \sin(2\pi f_m t)$

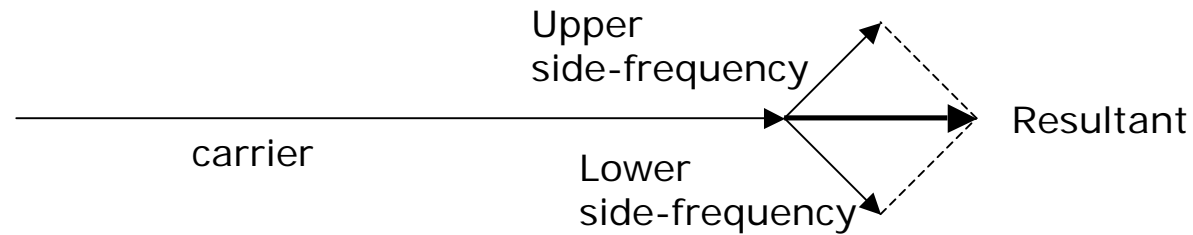
If $\beta \ll 1$, $s(t) \approx A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t) - \beta A_c \sin(2\pi f_c t) \sin(2\pi f_m t)$

$$\approx A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t) + \frac{1}{2} \beta A_c \{ \cos[2\pi(f_c + f_m)t] - \cos[2\pi(f_c - f_m)t] \}$$

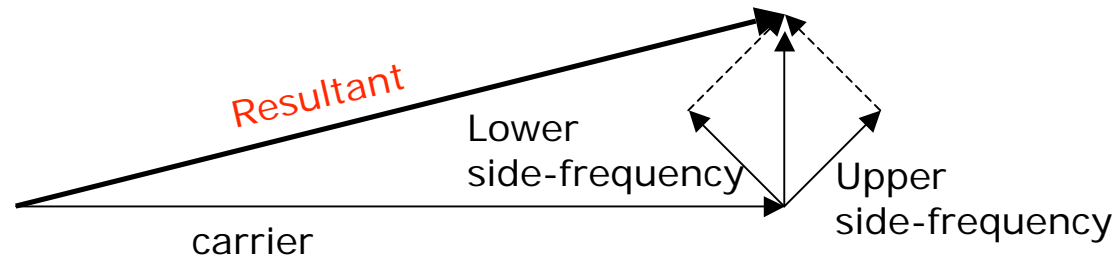


Comparison with AM

AM Signal



Narrow band FM Signal



Wideband FM

$$s(t) = A_c \cos[2\pi f_c t + \beta \sin(2\pi f_m t)]$$

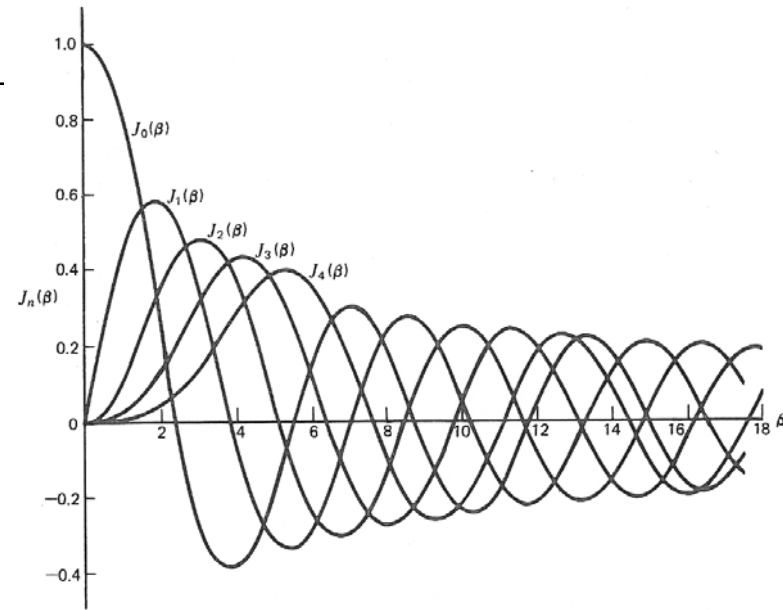
$$\downarrow f_c \gg f_m$$

$$= \text{Re}[A_c \exp(j2\pi f_c t + j\beta \sin(2\pi f_m t))]$$

$$= \text{Re}[\tilde{s}(t) \exp(j2\pi f_c t)] \quad (*)$$

$$\tilde{s}(t) = A_c \exp[j\beta \sin(2\pi f_m t)]$$

$$= A_c \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\beta) \exp(j2\pi n f_m t)$$



n th order Bessel function of first kind

Subst. into (*), and applying FT:

$$S(f) = \frac{A_c}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\beta) [\delta(f - f_c - n f_m) + \delta(f + f_c + n f_m)]$$

$$= A_c J_0(\beta) \delta(f - f_c) + \frac{A_c}{2} J_{\pm 1}(\beta) \delta(f - f_c \mp f_m) + \frac{A_c}{2} J_{\pm 2}(\beta) \delta(f - f_c \mp 2f_m) + \dots$$

Carrier component

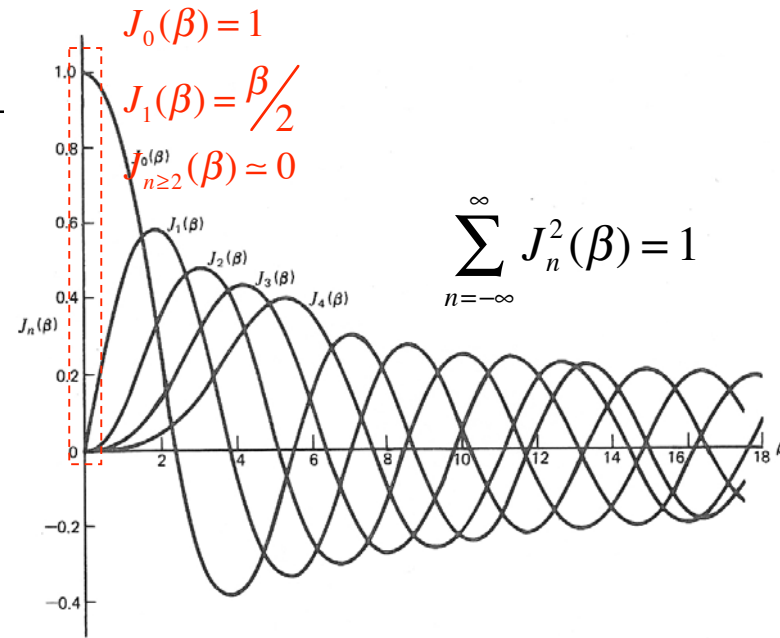
Side freq $f_c \pm f_m$

Side freq $f_c \pm 2f_m$



Observations

- Amplitude of carrier varies with $J_0(\beta)$
 - With AM, amplitude of carrier = A_c
- Special case: $\beta \ll 1$
 - Only $J_0(\beta)$, $J_1(\beta) \Leftrightarrow f_c \pm f_m$ significant (narrowband FM)



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Example - fixed f_m , variable A_m

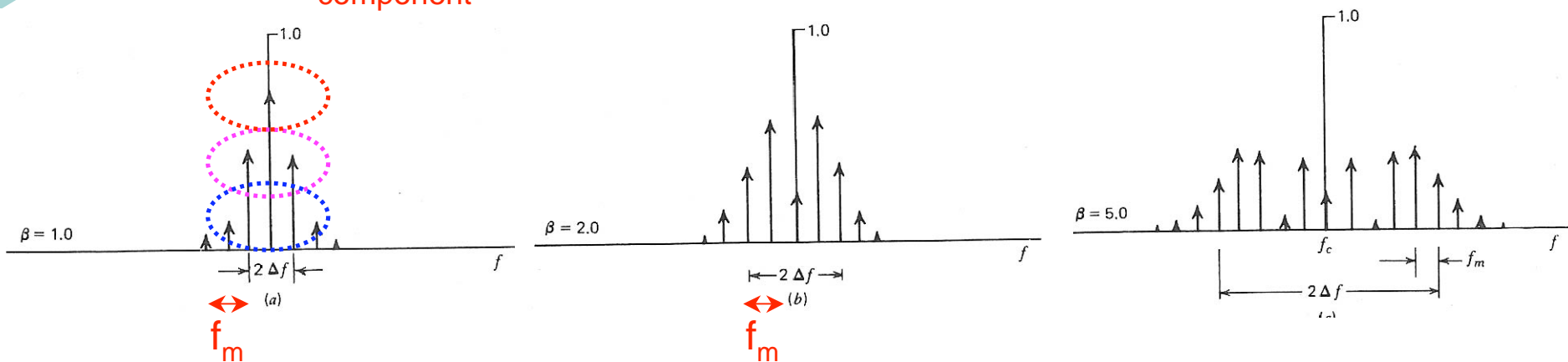
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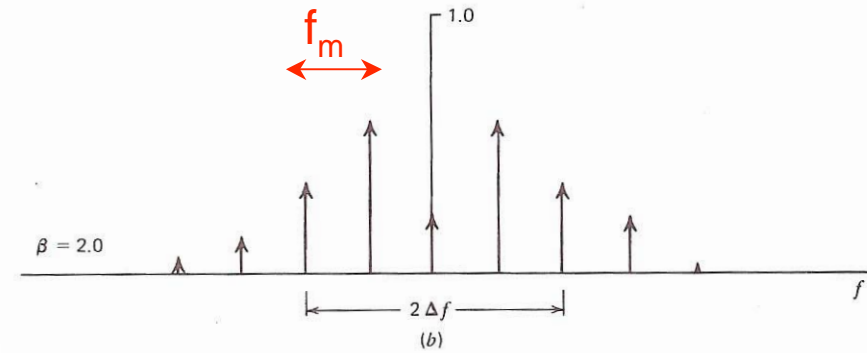
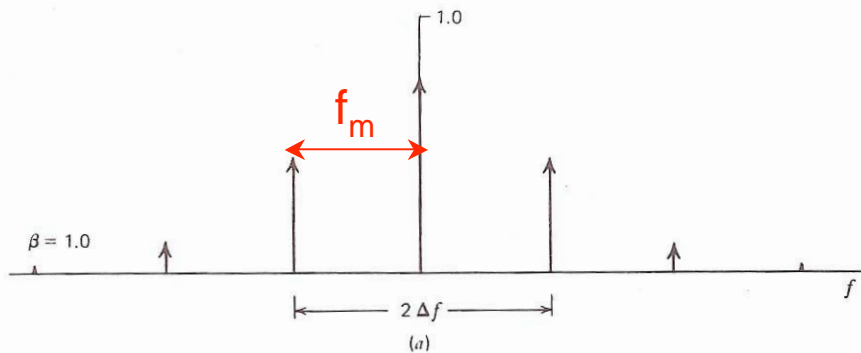


$\uparrow A_m \Leftrightarrow \uparrow \beta$

Example - fixed A_m , variable f_m

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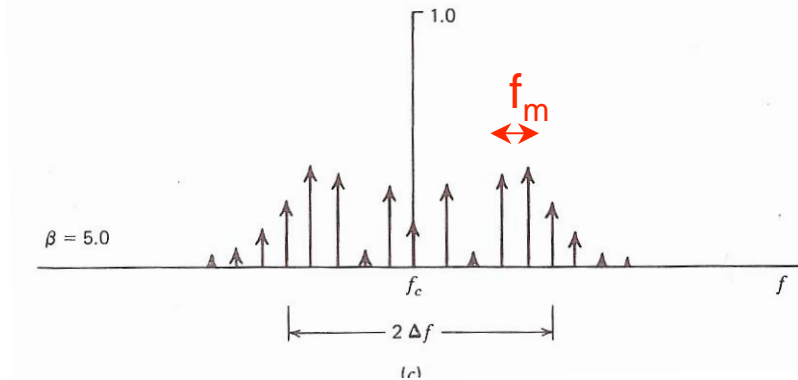
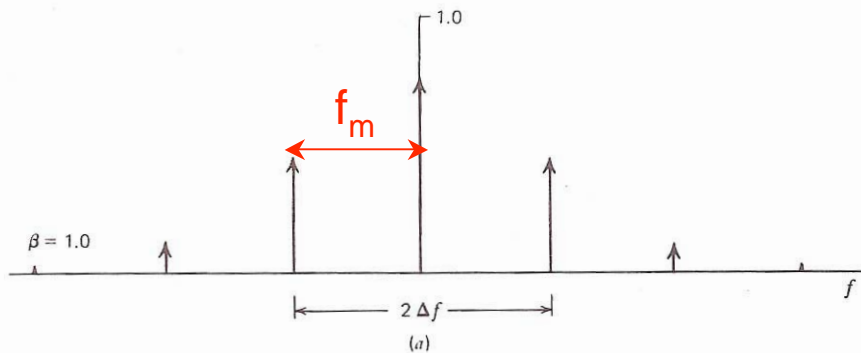


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As $\beta \uparrow$, number of spectral lines within $f_c - \Delta f < |f| < f_c + \Delta f \uparrow$

As $\beta \rightarrow \infty$, the bandwidth of $s(t)$ approaches the limiting value of $2\Delta f$!!

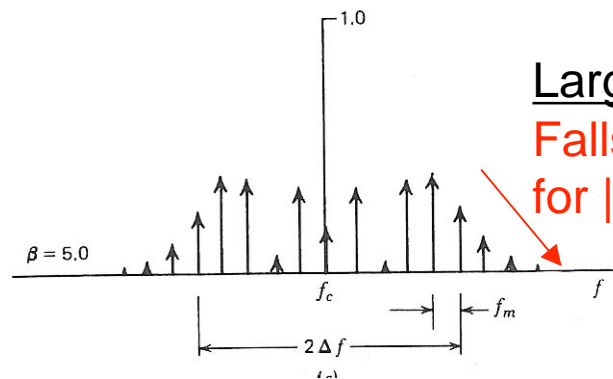
[Note: For $\beta \ll 1$, bandwidth of $s(t) \simeq 2f_m$ (As in AM)]

Transmission bandwidth

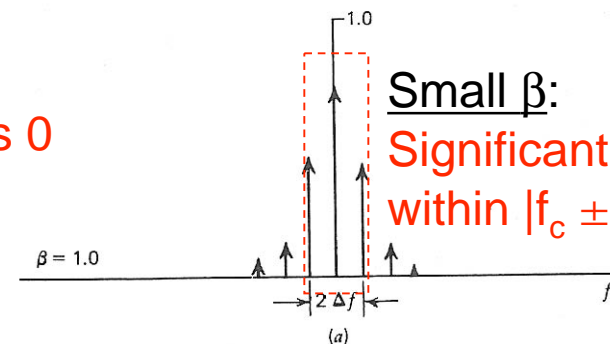
$$S(f) = \frac{A_c}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\beta) [\delta(f - f_c - nf_m) + \delta(f + f_c + nf_m)]$$

⇒ transmission bandwidth = ∞!!!

But, effectively, *finite* number of side frequencies are significant



Large β :
Falls rapidly towards 0
for $|f - f_c| > 2\Delta f$



Small β :
Significant sidebands
within $|f_c \pm f_m|$

⇒ Carson's rule: $B_{T,Carson} \approx 2\Delta f \left(1 + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)$



Transmission bandwidth

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⇒ **transmission bandwidth = ∞ !!!**

But, effectively, *finite* number of side frequencies are significant

⇒ retain up to n_{\max} side frequencies s.t. $J_{n_{\max}}(\beta) \geq \varepsilon J_0(\beta)$

⇒ **$B_T = 2n_{\max}f_m$**

$B_{T,1\%} = 1\%$ bandwidth with $\varepsilon = 0.01$

1 percent bandwidth of FM wave

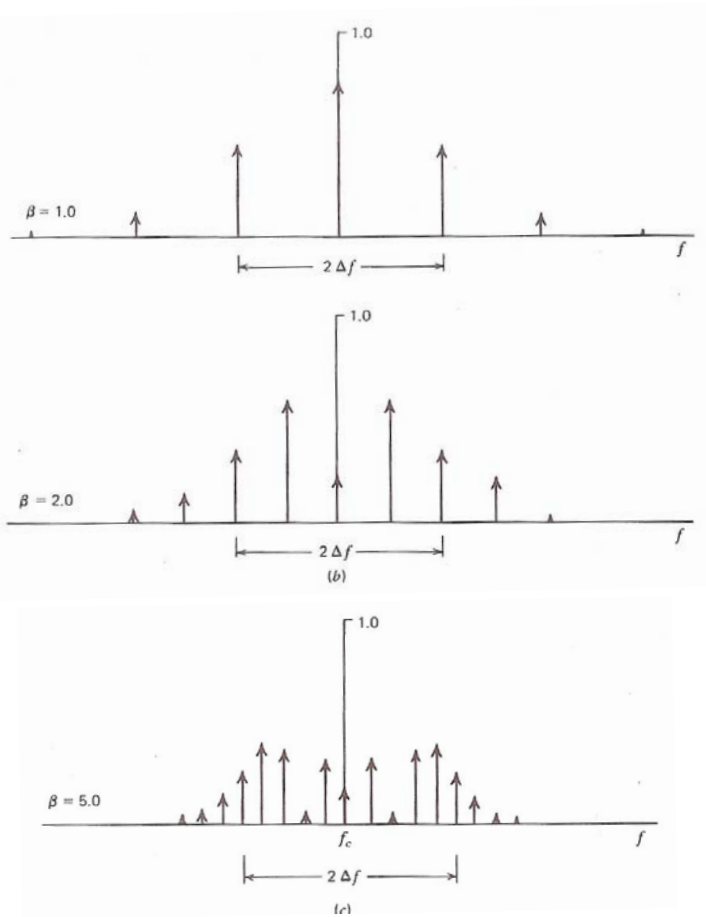
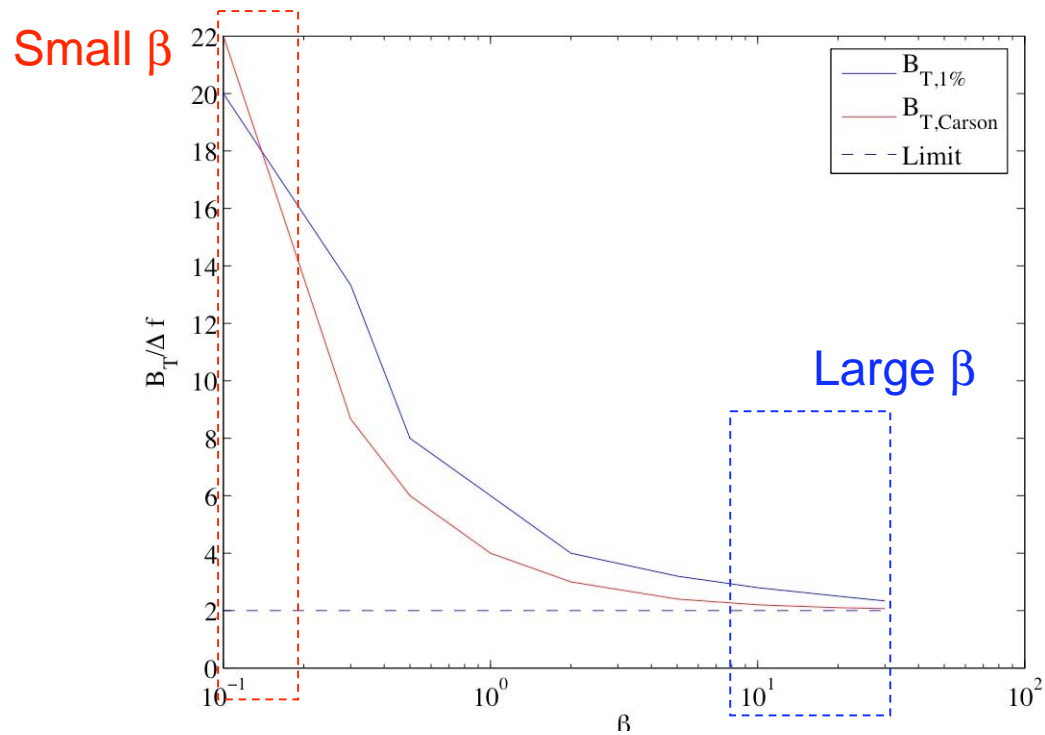


Table 3.1 Number of Significant Side Frequencies of a Wide-band FM Signal for Varying Modulation Index

Modulation Index β	Number of Significant Side Frequencies $2n_{\max}$
0.1	2
0.3	4
0.5	4
1.0	6
2.0	8
5.0	16
10.0	28
20.0	50
30.0	70

As $\beta \uparrow$, $n_{\max} \uparrow \Rightarrow B_{T,1\%} \uparrow$

1 percent bandwidth of FM wave



Small values of β more extravagant in B_T than larger β !!

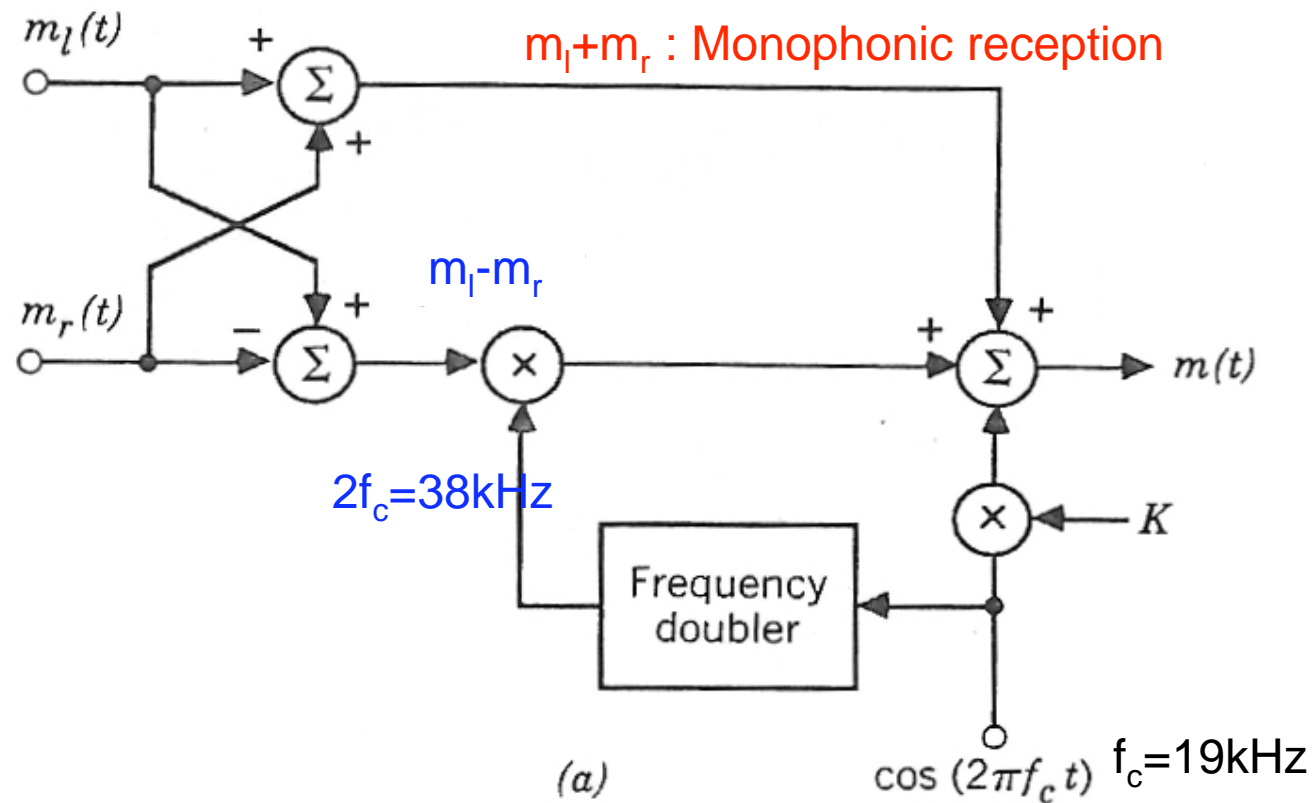
Practically, $B_{T,Carson} \leq B_T \leq B_{T,1\%}$



FM Stereo

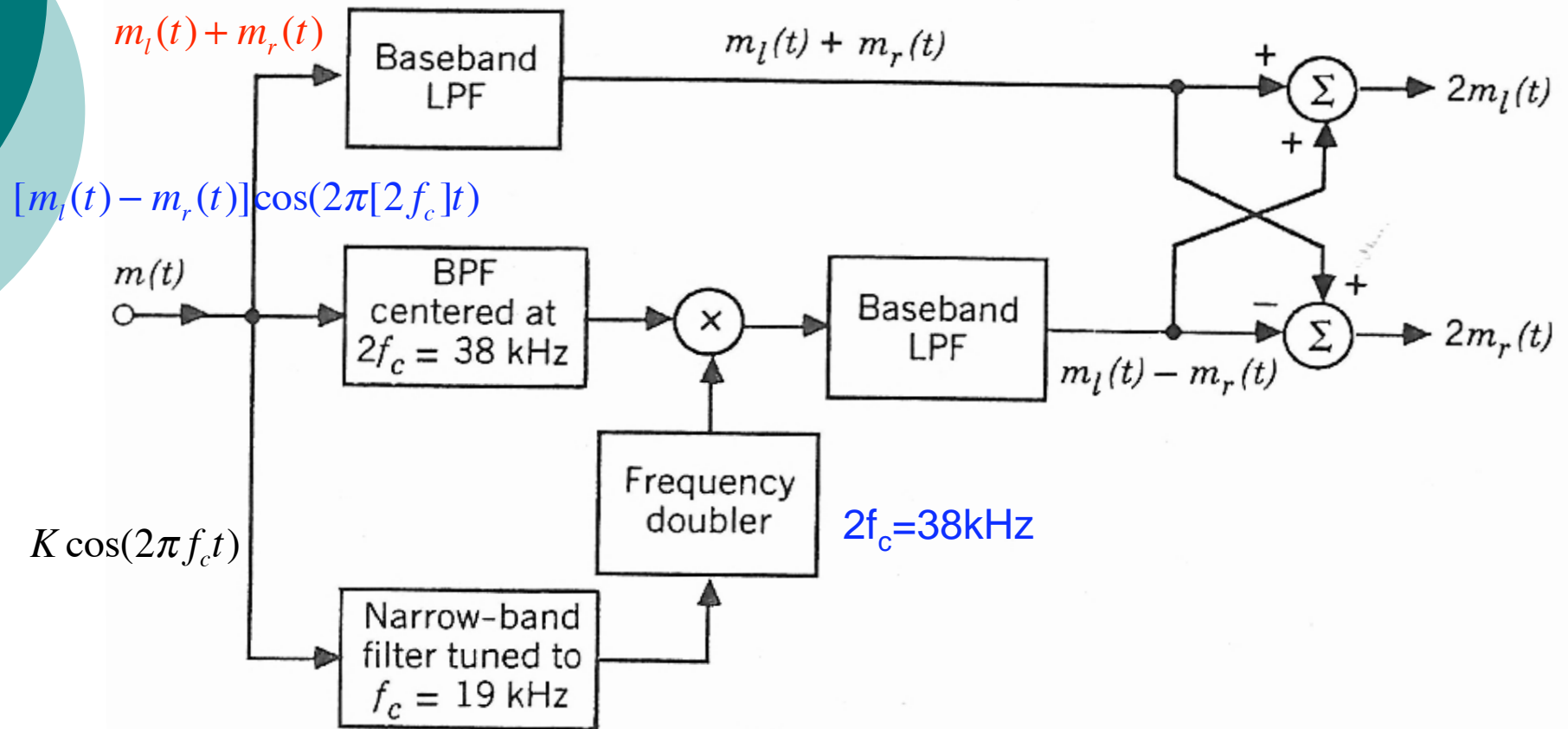
- Transmit two separate signals via *same* carrier
 - 2 different sections of orchestra, e.g., **vocalist and accompanist**, to give spatial dimension to its perception
- Requirements
 - Must operate **within allocated** FM broadcast channels
 - Must be compatible with **monophonic** radio receivers

FM Stereo Mux



$$m(t) = [m_l(t) + m_r(t)] + [m_l(t) - m_r(t)]\cos(2\pi[2f_c]t) + K\cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

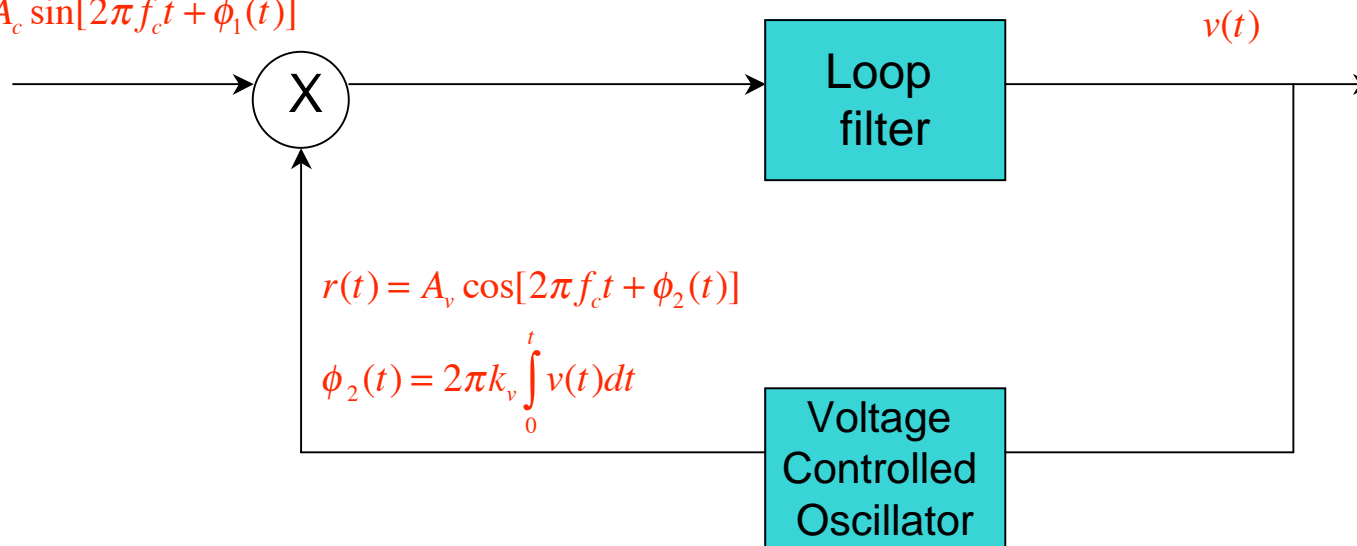
FM Stereo Demux



$$m(t) = [m_l(t) + m_r(t)] + [m_l(t) - m_r(t)] \cos(2\pi[2f_c]t) + K \cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

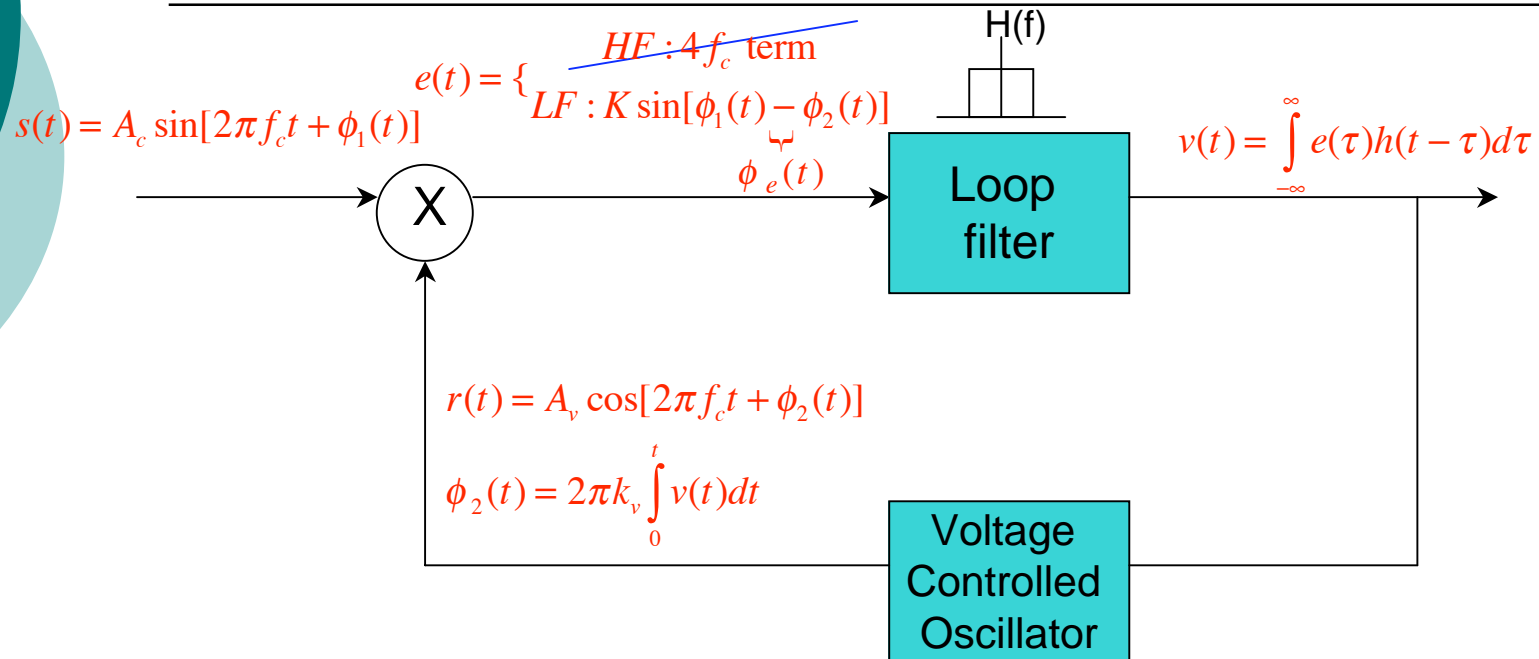
Phase Locked Loop (PLL)

$$s(t) = A_c \sin[2\pi f_c t + \phi_1(t)]$$



- PLL for freq. demod
 - If $s(t)$ is FM wave, obtain $m(t)$ from $v(t)$
 - Require $\phi_1 \approx \phi_2 + 90^\circ \iff$ **Phase lock!**

Phase Locked Loop (PLL)



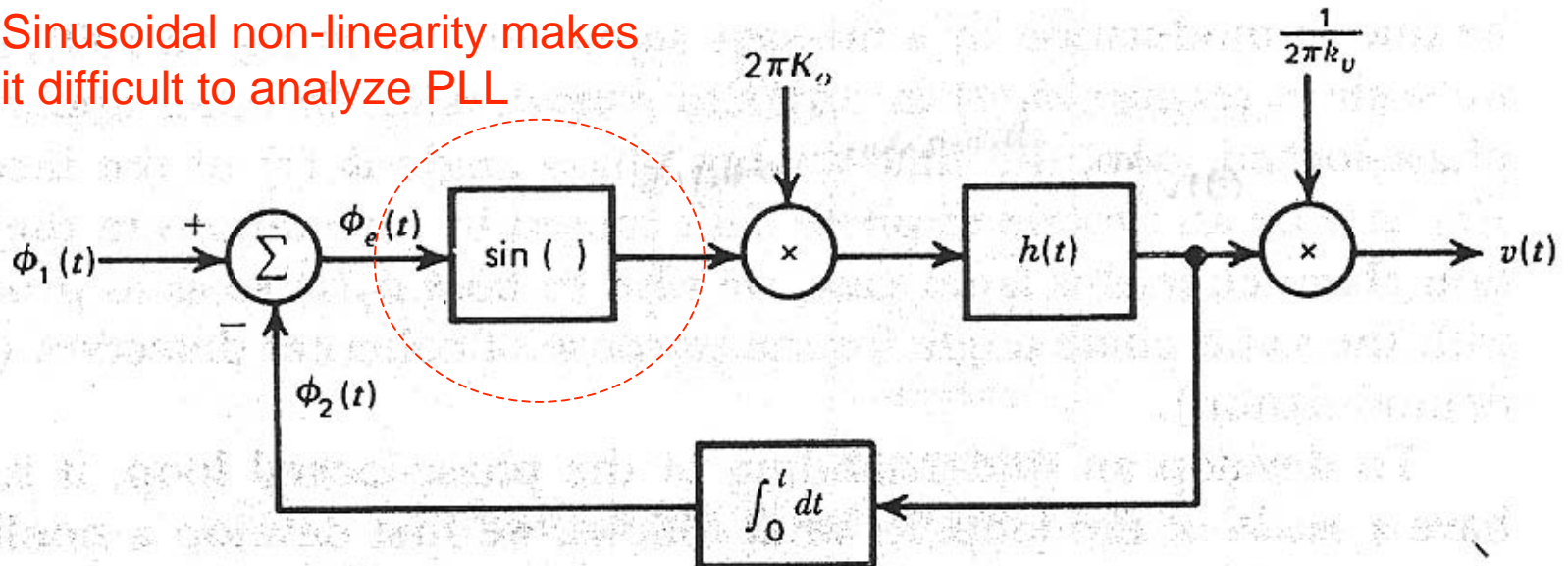
○ Dynamic behavior of PLL

- $$\frac{d\phi_e(t)}{dt} = \frac{d\phi_1(t)}{dt} - 2\pi K_o \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin[\phi_e(\tau)]h(t-\tau)d\tau,$$

$$K_o = k_m k_v A_c A_v$$

Non-linear PLL model

Sinusoidal non-linearity makes it difficult to analyze PLL



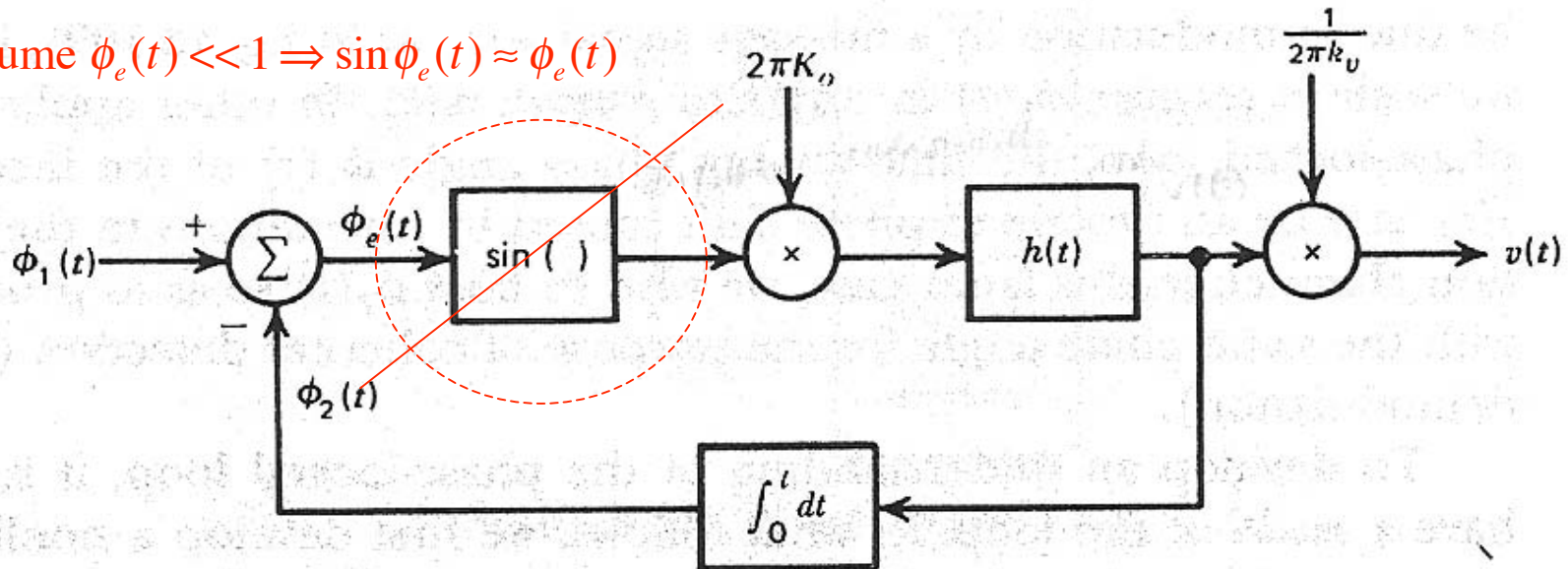
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Non-linear PLL model

Assume $\phi_e(t) \ll 1 \Rightarrow \sin \phi_e(t) \approx \phi_e(t)$



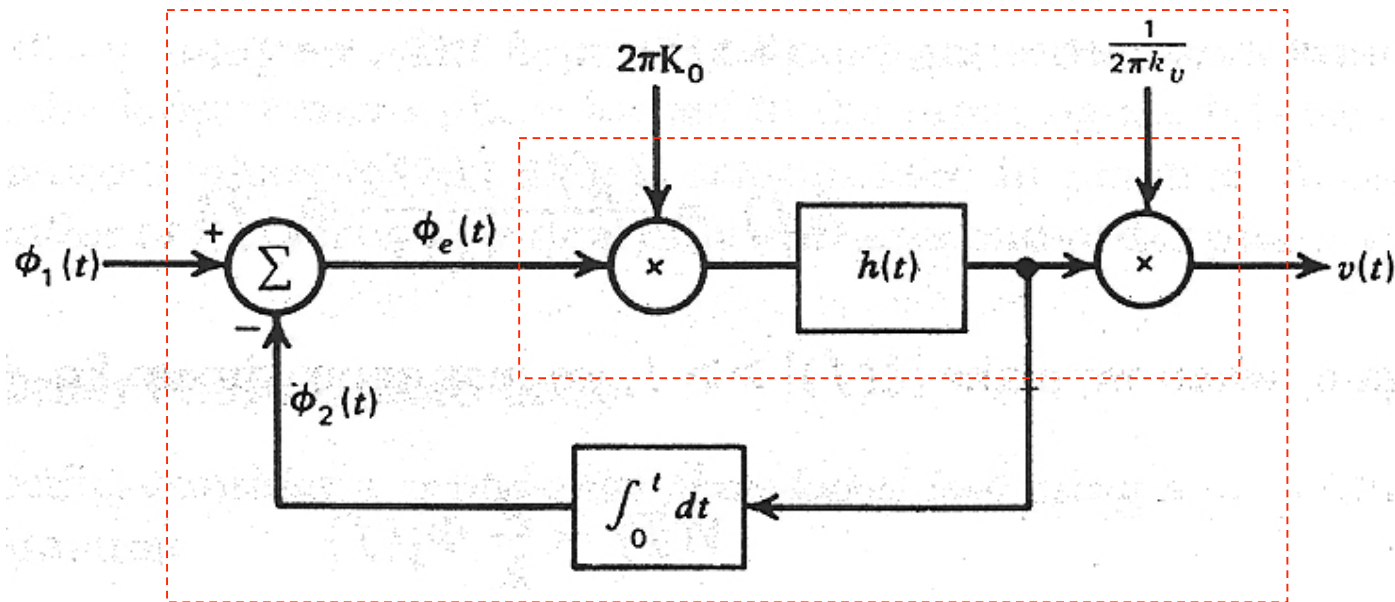
- Linearized behavior of PLL

- $$\frac{d\phi_e(t)}{dt} = \frac{d\phi_1(t)}{dt} - 2\pi K_o \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_e(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau,$$

$$K_o = k_m k_v A_c A_v$$

FT can be applied!

Linear PLL model



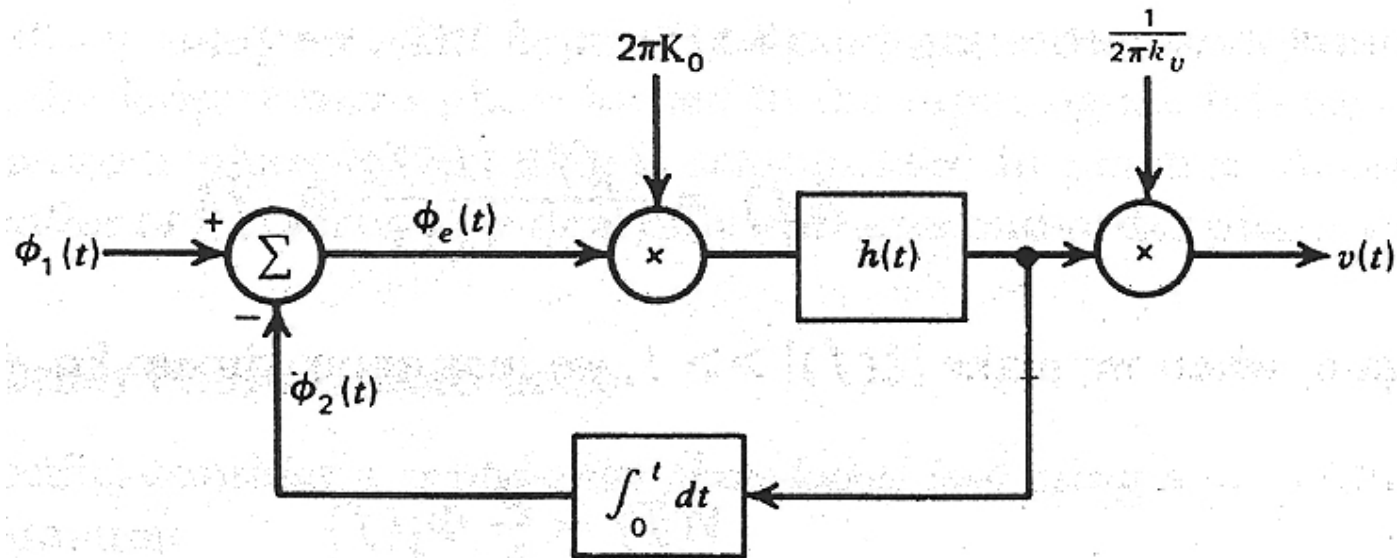
- $\Phi_e(f) = \frac{1}{1+L(f)} \Phi_1(f),$

$$L(f) = K_o \frac{H(f)}{jf} \quad [\text{Open-loop transfer function}]$$

$$V(f) = \frac{(jf / k_v)L(f)}{1+L(f)} \Phi_1(f)$$

- $V(f) = \frac{K_o}{k_v} H(f) \Phi_e(f)$
 $= \frac{jf}{k_v} L(f) \Phi_e(f)$

Phase-locked Linear PLL



$$V(f) = \frac{(jf / k_v)L(f)}{1 + L(f)} \Phi_1(f)$$

$$\Phi_e(f) = \frac{1}{1 + L(f)} \Phi_1(f)$$

$$|L(f)| \gg 1$$

$$V(f) \approx \frac{jf}{k_v} \Phi_1(f)$$

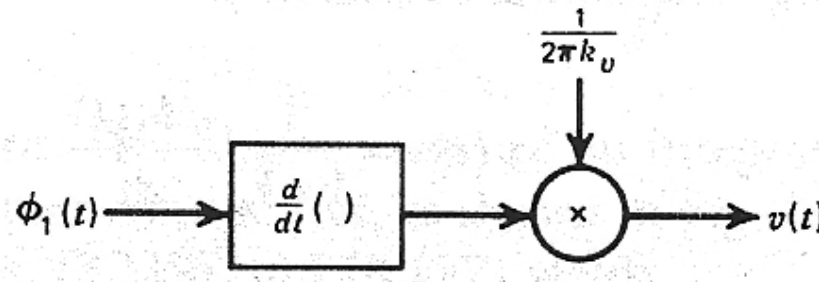
$$\Phi_e(f) \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Phase lock!!!}$$

$$\Rightarrow v(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi k_v} \frac{d\phi_1(t)}{dt}$$

Phase locked linear PLL as frequency demodulator

If $s(t)$ is FM signal,

$$\Rightarrow \phi_1(t) = 2\pi k_f \int_0^t m(t) dt$$



$$v(t) = \frac{k_f}{k_v} m(t)$$

○ If $|L(f)| \gg 1$

- Linearized PLL model
- Phase lock satisfied $[\phi_e \approx 0]$

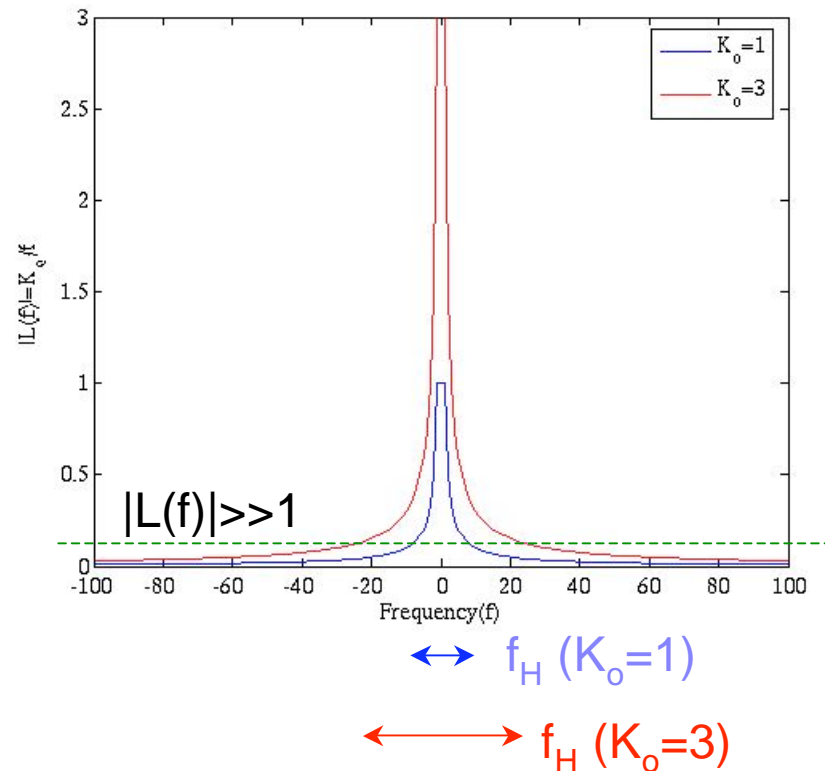
- $v(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi k_v} \frac{d\phi_1(t)}{dt}$

Determines complexity of PLL

○ Bandwidth of $s(t) \gg$ bandwidth of $H(f)$ [$m(t)$]

Design of $H(f)$

- First order
 - $H(f) = 1$
 - $|L(f)| = K_o/f$
- Drawback
 - K_o controls both loop bandwidth and hold-in frequency range, f_H



Second-order PLL

- $H(f) = 1 + \frac{a}{jf}$

- $\Phi_e(f) = \left(\frac{(jf / f_n)^2}{1 + 2\zeta(jf / f_n) + (jf / f_n)^2} \right) \Phi_1(f),$

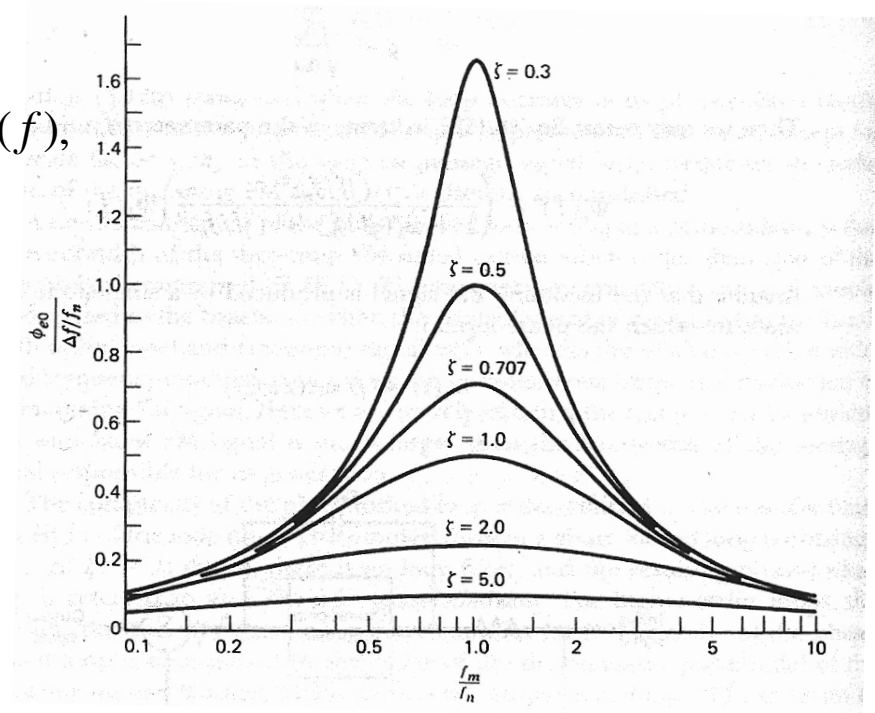
$$f_n = \sqrt{aK_o} \quad \text{Natural frequency}$$

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{K_o}{4a}} \quad \text{Damping factor}$$

- For $m(t) = A_m \cos 2\pi f_m t,$

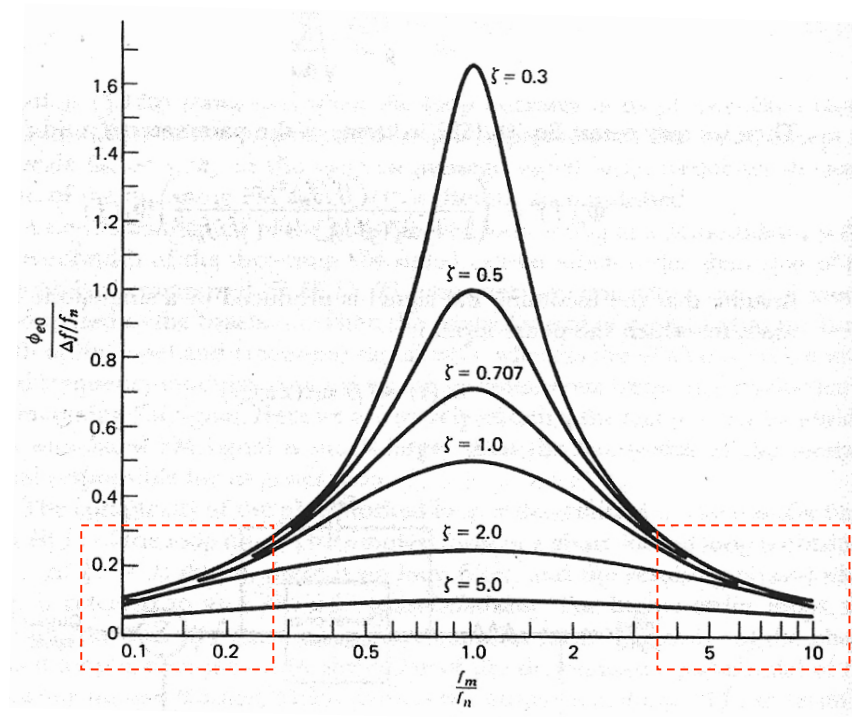
$$\phi_1(t) = \beta \sin(2\pi f_m t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_e(t) = \phi_{e0} \cos(2\pi f_m t + \psi)$$

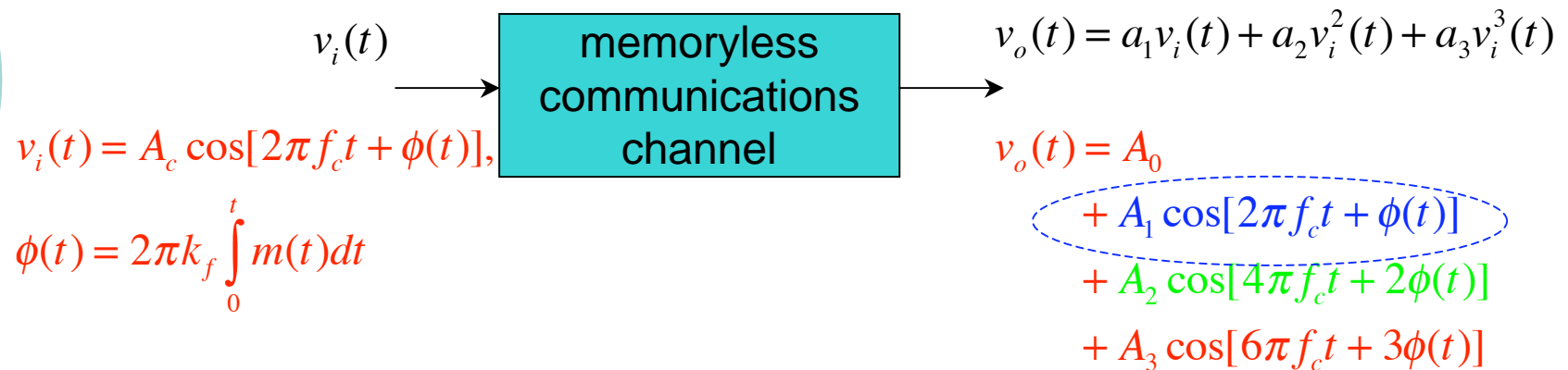


Second-order PLL

- With appropriate choice of (ζ, f_n) , we can maintain ϕ_e small
 - Linear PLL model
- Rule of thumb:
 - Loop should remain locked if $\phi_{e0}(f_m = f_n) < 90^\circ$

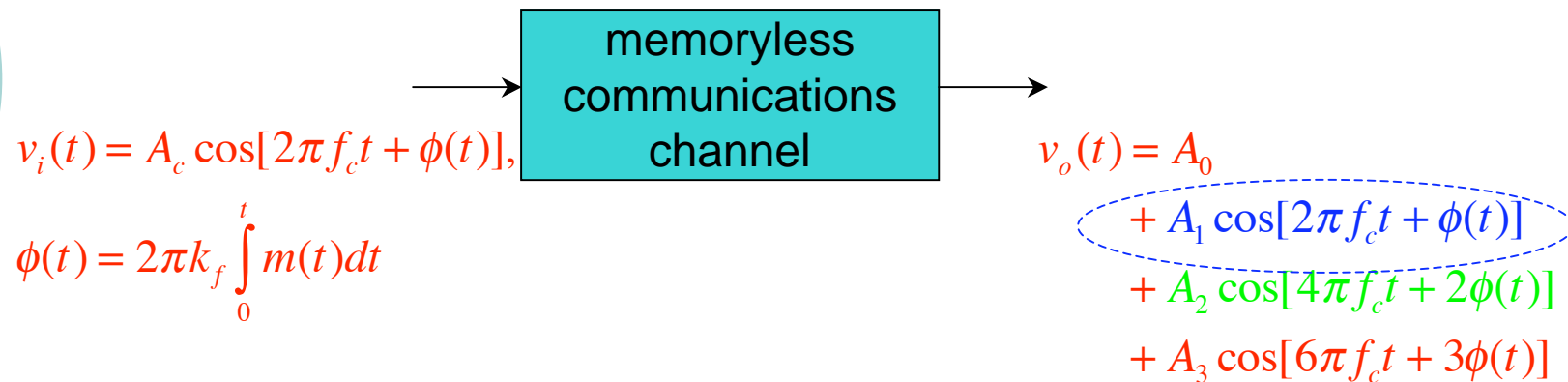


Non-linear effects in FM systems

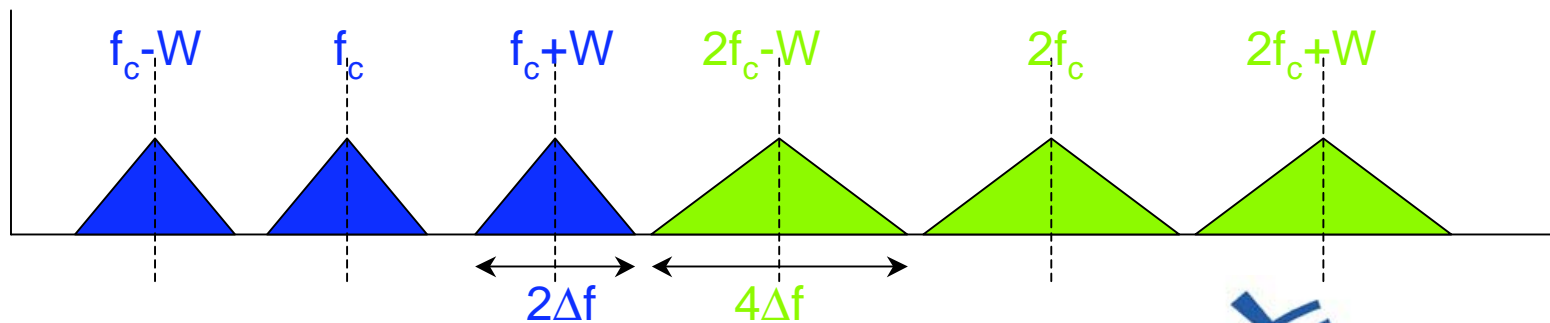


- Assume $v_i(t)$ is FM signal
 - Δf = frequency deviation
 - W = highest freq. comp. of $m(t)$

Non-linear effects in FM systems

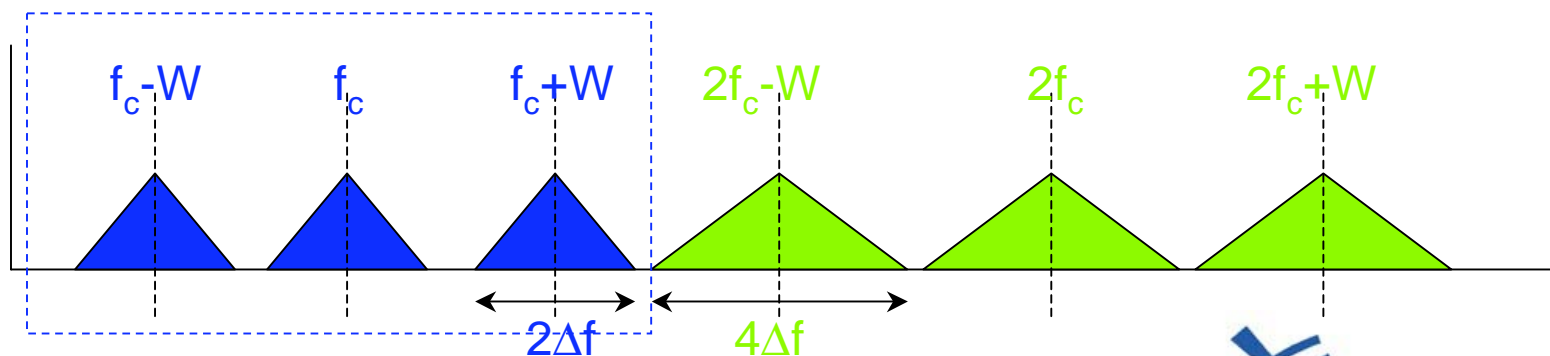


- Carson's Rule
 - $B_T \approx 2\Delta f$



Non-linear effects in FM systems

- To separate out **desired** FM signal
 - $f_c + \Delta f + W < 2f_c - W - 2\Delta f$
 $\Rightarrow f_c > 3\Delta f + 2W$
 - Apply bandpass filter $[f_c - \Delta f - W, f_c + \Delta f + W]$
- $v_o'(t) = (a_1 + \frac{3}{4}a_3A_c^2)v_i(t)$
 - Unlike AM, FM *not* affected by distortion due to channel with amp. non-linearities





Summary

- Unlike AM, FM is **non-linear** modulation process
 - Spectral analysis is more difficult
 - Developed insight by studying single-tone FM
- Carson's rule for transmission bandwidth
 - $B_T = 2\Delta f(1 + 1/\beta)$
- Phase-Locked Loop for frequency demodulation