

EES 351: Principles of Communications 2020/1
 HW 6 — Due: Not Due **Solution**
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Problem 1. Consider the DSB-SC modem with no channel impairment shown in Figure 6.1. Suppose that the message is band-limited to $B = 3$ kHz and that $f_c = 100$ kHz.

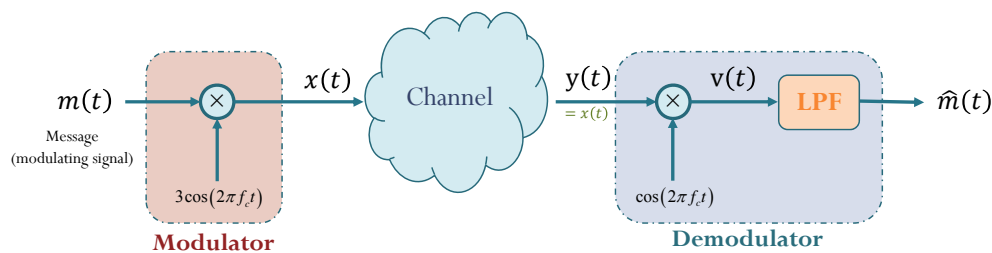


Figure 6.1: DSB-SC modem with no channel impairment

(a) Specify the frequency response $H_{LP}(f)$ of the LPF so that $\hat{m}(t) = m(t)$.

$M(f)$ is assumed to be band-limited to $B = 3$ kHz.
 Therefore, $M(f) = 0$ for $|f| > 3$ kHz:



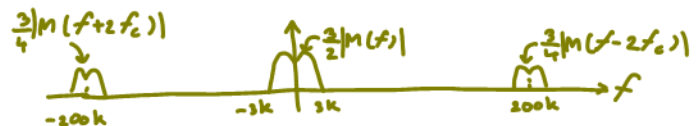
$$v(t) = y(t) \times \cos(2\pi f_c t) = x(t) \times \cos(2\pi f_c t) = 3m(t) \cos^2(2\pi f_c t) = 3m(t) \times \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2\pi(2f_c)t))$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}m(t) + \frac{3}{2}m(t) \cos(2\pi(2f_c)t)$$

$$v(f) = \frac{3}{2}M(f) + \frac{3}{4}M(f - 2f_c) + \frac{3}{4}M(f + 2f_c)$$

Here, $f_c = 100$ kHz

Given the picture of $|M(f)|$ above, we now draw the corresponding $|v(f)|$:



To eliminate the terms $\frac{3}{4}M(f - 2f_c)$ and $\frac{3}{4}M(f + 2f_c)$, we set $H_{LP}(f) = 0$ for $|f| > 200\text{k} - 3\text{k} = 197$ kHz.

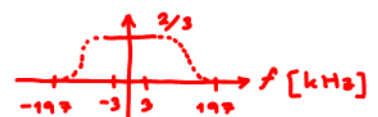
To allow $\frac{3}{2}M(f)$ to pass through, we set $H_{LP}(f) = c$ for $|f| < 3$ kHz for some constant c .

With such $H_{LP}(f)$, we get $\hat{m}(t) = cx \frac{3}{2}m(t)$.

Because we need $\hat{m}(t) = m(t)$,

we have to set $\frac{3}{2}c = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{2}{3}$.

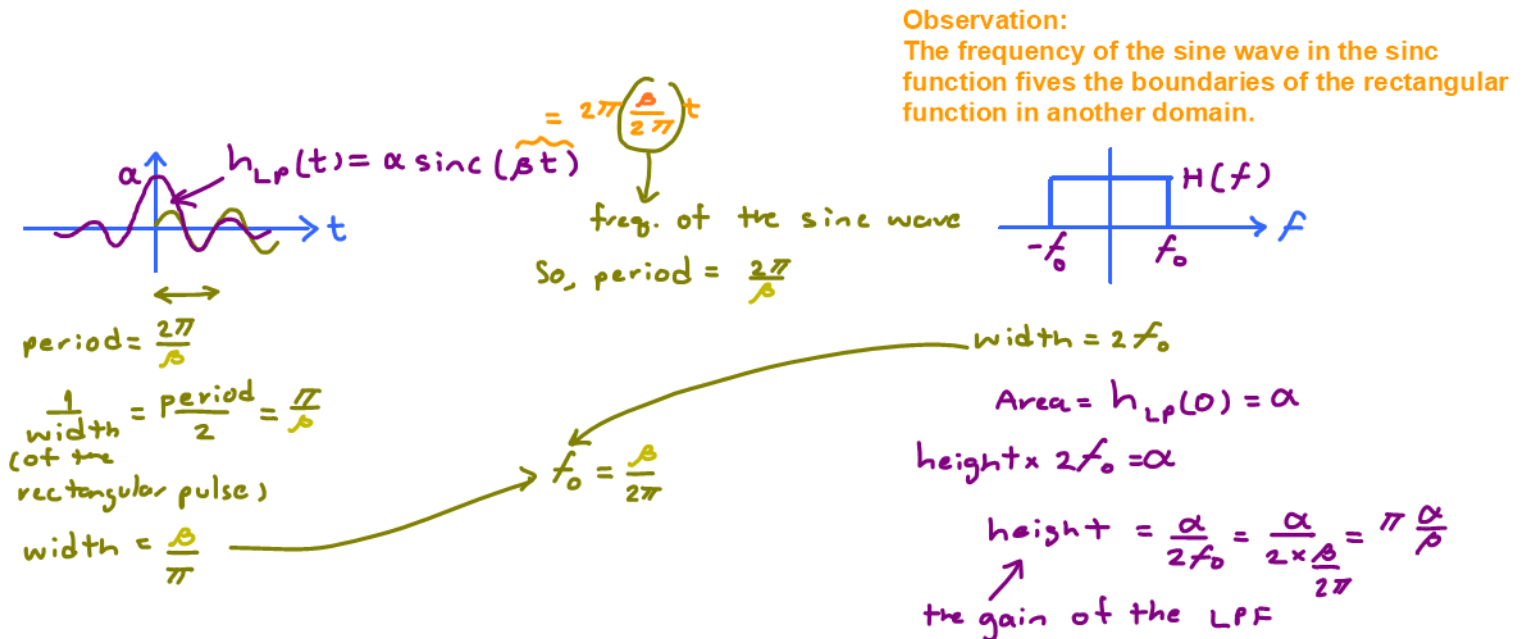
$$H_{LP}(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}, & |f| \leq 3 \text{ kHz}, \\ 0, & |f| \geq 197 \text{ kHz}, \\ \text{'any'}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



An example would be $H_{LP}(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}, & |f| \leq 100 \text{ kHz}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



- (b) Suppose the impulse response $h_{LP}(t)$ of the LPF is of the form $\alpha \text{sinc}(\beta t)$. Find the constants α and β such that $\hat{m}(t) = m(t)$.



From the previous part, we need $3 \leq f_0 < 197 \text{ kHz}$.

$$\text{gain} = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \pi \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{2\beta}{3\pi}$$

so, first we choose f_0 . Then, we have $\beta = 2\pi f_0$ and $\alpha = \frac{2\beta}{3\pi}$.

An example would be $f_0 = 100 \text{ kHz} \Rightarrow \beta = 2 \times 10^5 \pi \text{ rad/s}$ and $\alpha = \frac{2}{3\pi} \times 2 \times 10^5 \pi = \frac{4}{3} \times 10^5$

Alternatively, one may use $f_0 = B = 3 \text{ kHz}$. Then, $\beta = 2\pi f_0 = 2\pi \times 3 \text{ k} = 6 \times 10^3 \pi \text{ rad/s}$

$$\alpha = \frac{2}{3\pi} \beta = \frac{2}{3\pi} \times 6 \times 10^3 \pi = 4000.$$

Problem 2. This question starts with a *square-modulator* for DSB-SC. Then, the use of the square-operation block is further explored on the receiver side of the system. [Doerschuk, 2008, Cornell ECE 320]

- (a) Let $x(t) = A_c m(t)$ where $m(t) \xleftrightarrow[\mathcal{F}^{-1}]{\mathcal{F}} M(f)$ is bandlimited to B , i.e., $|M(f)| = 0$ for $|f| > B$. Consider the block diagram shown in Figure 6.2.

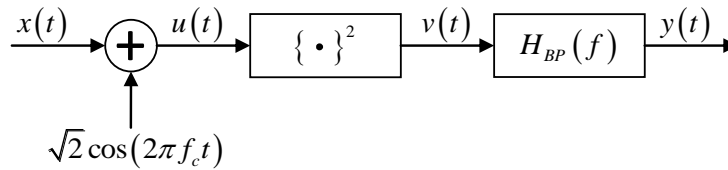


Figure 6.2: Block diagram for Problem 2a

Assume $f_c \gg B$ and

$$H_{BP}(f) = \begin{cases} 1, & |f - f_c| \leq B \\ 1, & |f + f_c| \leq B \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The block labeled “ $\{\cdot\}^2$ ” has output $v(t)$ that is the square of its input $u(t)$:

$$v(t) = u^2(t).$$

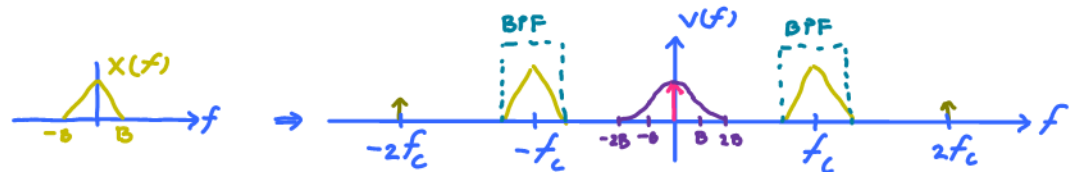
Find $y(t)$.

$x(t) = A_c m(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(f) = A_c M(f)$. So, $X(f)$ is also bandlimited to B .

$$u(t) = x(t) + \sqrt{2} \cos(\omega_c t) \quad \omega_c = 2\pi f_c$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= u^2(t) = (x(t) + \sqrt{2} \cos(\omega_c t))^2 = x^2(t) + 2\sqrt{2} x(t) \cos(\omega_c t) + \underbrace{2 \cos^2(\omega_c t)}_{1 + \cos(2\omega_c t)} \\ &= x^2(t) + 2\sqrt{2} x(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t) + \cos(2\pi(2f_c)t) \end{aligned}$$

For example,



Note 1: $x^2(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(f) * X(f)$. So, $x^2(t)$ is bandlimited to $2B$.

Because $f_c \gg B$, the spectrum of $x^2(t)$ will not be in the passband of the BPF which centers around f_c .

Note 2: The term $\cos(2\omega_c t)$ is at frequency $2\pi f_c$ which again is outside the passband of the BPF.

Therefore, only the term $2\sqrt{2} x(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t)$ will survive the BPF.

$$y(t) = \text{BPF}\{v(t)\} = 2\sqrt{2} x(t) \cos \omega_c t = 2\sqrt{2} A_c m(t) \cos \omega_c t$$

More generally, if the gain of the filter is g and the amplitude of the carrier is C , then $y(t) = 2Cg x(\text{input signal}) \cos(\omega_c t)$. Here, $C = \sqrt{2}$, $g = 1$, and input signal = $A_c m(t)$. Therefore, $y(t) = 2\sqrt{2} A_c m(t) \cos(\omega_c t)$.

- (b) The block diagram in part (a) provides a nice implementation of a modulator because it may be easier to build a squarer than to build a multiplier. Based on the successful use of a squaring operation in the modulator, we decide to use the same squaring operation in the demodulator. Let

$$x(t) = A_c m(t) \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

where $m(t) \xleftrightarrow[\mathcal{F}^{-1}]{\mathcal{F}} M(f)$ is bandlimited to B , i.e., $|M(f)| = 0$ for $|f| > B$. Again, assume $f_c \gg B$. Consider the block diagram shown in Figure 6.3.

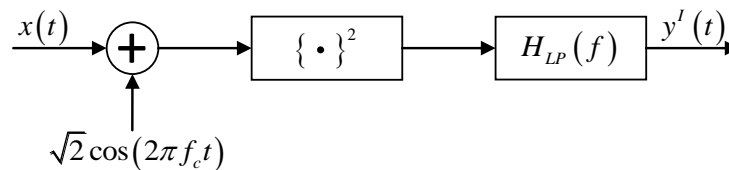


Figure 6.3: Block diagram for Problem 2b

Use

$$H_{LP}(f) = \begin{cases} 1, & |f| \leq B \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find $y^I(t)$. Does this block diagram work as a demodulator; that is, is $y^I(t)$ proportional to $m(t)$?

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= (x(t) + \sqrt{2} \cos(\omega_c t))^2 = 2 \cos^2(\omega_c t) (A_c m(t) + 1)^2 \\ &= 1 + \cos(2\omega_c t) (\underbrace{A_c^2 m^2(t)}_{\text{band-limited to } 2B} + 1 + \underbrace{2A_c m(t)}_{\text{band-limited to } B}) = g(t) + \underbrace{g(t) \cos(2\omega_c t)}_{\text{Define this part as } g(t)} \end{aligned}$$

$g(t) \cos(2\omega_c t)$ is centered @ $2f_c$ and therefore will not pass through the LFF.

$$y^I(t) = \text{LFF}\{v(t)\} = \text{LFF}\{g(t)\} = 1 + 2A_c m(t) + \text{LFF}\{A_c^2 m^2(t)\}$$

$y^I(t)$ is **not** proportional to $m(t)$.

Hence, this block diagram **does not** work as a demodulator.

This term has spectrum beyond B . So, only a portion of it will pass through the LFF.

- (c) Due to the failure in part (b), we have to think hard and it seems natural to consider also the block diagram with cos replaced by sin. Let

$$x(t) = A_c m(t) \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

where $m(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} M(f)$ is bandlimited to B , i.e., $|M(f)| = 0$ for $|f| > B$ as in part (b). Again, assume $f_c \gg B$. Consider the block diagram shown in Figure 6.4.

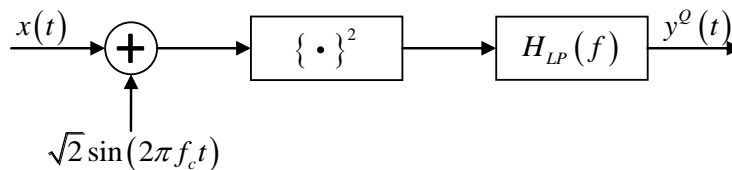


Figure 6.4: Block diagram for Problem 2c

As in part (b), use

$$H_{LP}(f) = \begin{cases} 1, & |f| \leq B \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find $y^Q(t)$.

Let $x(t) = A_c m(t) \sqrt{2} \cos(\omega_c t)$ as in part (b).

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= (x(t) + \sqrt{2} \sin(\omega_c t))^2 = 2 \left(A_c m(t) \cos(\omega_c t) + \sin(\omega_c t) \right)^2 \\ &= 2 \left(A_c^2 m^2(t) \cos^2(\omega_c t) + \underbrace{2 A_c m(t) \cos(\omega_c t) \sin(\omega_c t)}_{2 \cos \beta \sin \beta = \sin(2\beta)} + \sin^2(\omega_c t) \right) \\ &= 2 \left(A_c^2 m^2(t) \cos^2(\omega_c t) + \underbrace{\sin^2(\omega_c t)}_{= 1 - \cos^2 \omega_c t} \right) + A_c m(t) \sin(2\omega_c t) \\ &= 2 \left((A_c^2 m^2(t) - 1) \cos^2(\omega_c t) + 1 \right) + A_c m(t) \sin(2\omega_c t) \\ &= 2 + (A_c^2 m^2(t) - 1) \underbrace{(1 + \cos(2\omega_c t))}_{\text{LPF}} + A_c m(t) \underbrace{\sin(2\omega_c t)}_{\text{LPF}} \end{aligned}$$

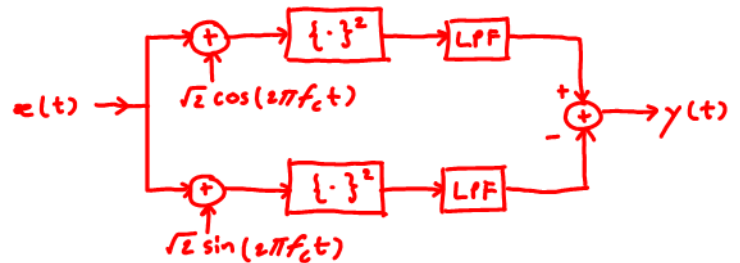
$$y^Q(t) = 2 + \text{LPF} \{A_c^2 m^2(t)\} - 1 = \text{LPF} \{A_c^2 m^2(t)\} + 1$$

↑ The output alone is far from being proportional to $m(t)$.
So, this block diagram also does not work as a demodulator.

- (d) Use the results from parts (b) and (c). Draw a block diagram of a *successful* DSB-SC demodulator using squaring operations instead of multipliers.

Observe that
 $y^I(t) - y^Q(t) = 2A_c m(t)$
 which is the desired output of a successful DSB-SC demodulator.
 from (b) from (c)

Hence, the following block diagram would work:



Problem 3 (Cube modulator). Consider the block diagram shown in Figure 6.5 where “ $\{\cdot\}^3$ ” indicates a device whose output is the cube of its input.

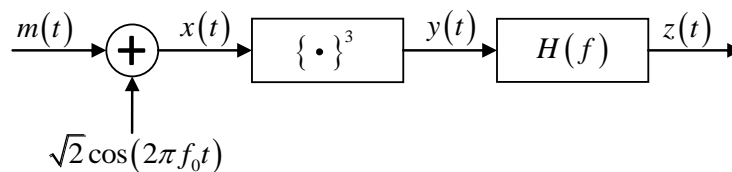


Figure 6.5: Block diagram for Problem 3. Note the use of f_0 instead of f_c .

Let $m(t) \xrightarrow[\mathcal{F}^{-1}]{\mathcal{F}} M(f)$ be bandlimited to B , i.e., $|M(f)| = 0$ for $|f| > B$.

- (a) Plot an $H(f)$ that gives $z(t) = m(t) \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_c t)$. What is the gain in $H(f)$? What is the value of f_c ? Notice that the frequency of the cosine is f_0 not f_c . You are supposed to determine f_c in terms of f_0 .

$$y(t) = (m(t) + \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_0 t))^3 = m^3(t) + 3m^2(t)\sqrt{2} \cos \omega_0 t + 3m(t) 2 \cos^2 \omega_0 t + (\sqrt{2})^3 \cos^3(\omega_0 t)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} 2 \cos^2(\theta) &= 1 + \cos(2\theta) \\ 2 \cos^3(\theta) &= \cos \theta + \cos \theta \cos 2\theta \\ &= \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos 3\theta \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos 3\theta \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3m(t)(1 + \cos 2\omega_0 t) \\ &= 3m(t) + 3m(t) \cos(2\omega_0 t) \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\omega_0 t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(3\omega_0 t) \end{aligned}$$

We want $z(t) = m(t)\sqrt{2} \cos(\omega_c t)$. We see that the only term in $y(t)$ that has the form "constant $\times m \times \cos(\)$ " is $3m(t) \cos(2\omega_0 t)$.

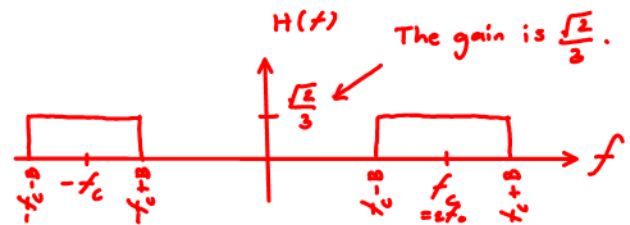
Therefore, we will center the passband to cover this part and adjust the gain to make the output the same as $z(t)$.

In particular, we need to make $2f_0 = f_c$. So, $f_0 = f_c/2$.

$$\text{Let } H_{op}(f) = \begin{cases} g, & |f - f_c| \leq B, \\ g, & |f + f_c| \leq B, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then, $z(t) = g \times 3m(t) \cos(2\omega_0 t)$

we need $g \times 3 = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow g = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$

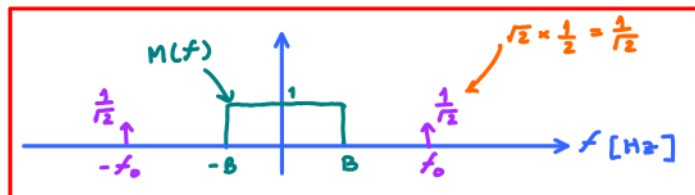


(b) Let $M(f)$ be

$$M(f) = \begin{cases} 1, & |f| \leq B \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(i) Plot $X(f)$.

$$x(t) = m(t) + \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$$



(ii) Plot $Y(f)$. Hint:

$$M(f) * M(f) = \begin{cases} 2B - |f|, & |f| \leq 2B \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Do not attempt to make an accurate plot or calculation for the Fourier transform of $m^3(t)$.

From (a), we have

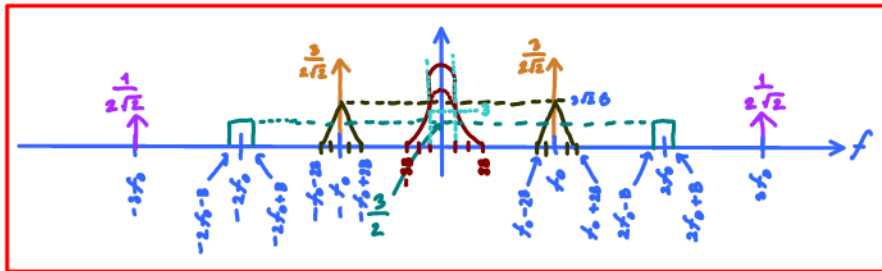
$$y(t) = m^3(t) + 3m(t) + 3\sqrt{2}m^2(t)\cos(\omega_0 t) + 3m(t)\cos(2\omega_0 t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\cos(3\omega_0 t) + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\cos(\omega_0 t)$$

Without trying to make an accurate plot for $m^3(t)$, we know that it is bandlimited to $3B$.

If you want to know the shape of $M(f) * M(f) * M(f)$, you can try plotting it in MATLAB using this code:

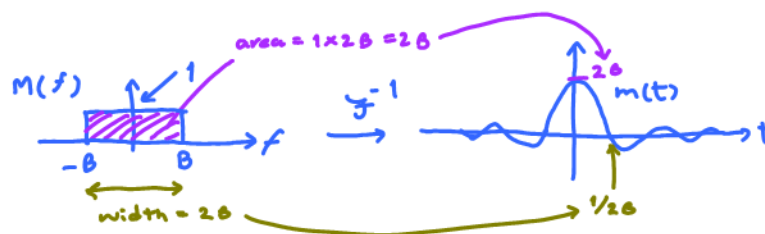
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w = ones(1,10);
w2 = conv(w,w);
w3 = conv(w2,w);
plot(w3)
    
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(iii) For your filter of part (a), plot $z(t)$.

$z(t) = m(t) \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_c t)$. Therefore, to plot $z(t)$, first we need to find $m(t)$.

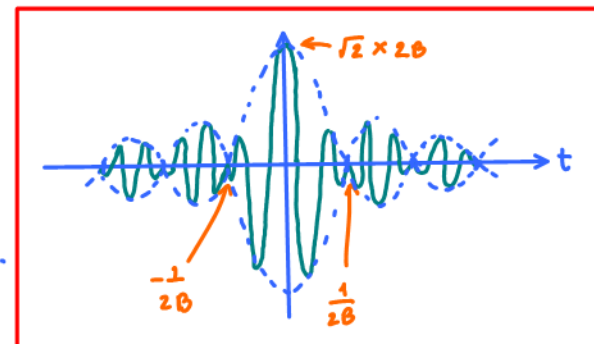


$z(t)$ is the above sinc function multiplied by $\sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_c t)$.

Because $f_c \gg B$, we know that $\frac{1}{B} \gg \frac{1}{f_c}$

period of sine inside sinc ↑ period of cosine

So, the |sinc| function becomes the envelope of the cosine carrier.



[Doerschuk, 2008, Cornell ECE 320]