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Abstract—

I. INTRODUCTION

II. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

A. Analysis of Amplitude Modulation

A message, m(t), with a bandwidth, B = 2[kHz] modulates a cosine carrier with a frequency of 10[kHz]. The combined signal is $s(t) = m(t) \cos(2000\pi t)$. Using a Fourier transform on s(t) reveals a maximum frequency at 12[kHz]. In fact, as seen in figure 1, by filling the band that m(t) occupies with white noise, the Fourier transform of s(t) contains white noise centered on the carrier frequency with twice the bandwidth of the original signal. The spike that occurs at 10[kHz] is the result of the original signal having a DC term and the carrier frequency having a value of 10[kHz].

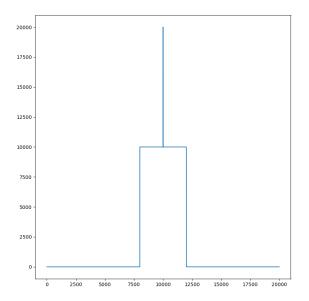


Fig. 1. The Fourier transform of a white noise signal carried at 10[kHz]

If instead, m(t) had a triangular spectrum of amplitude 1, the spectrum of s(t) will be two triangles touching at the base at 10[kHz] as seen in figure 2.

B. Periodicity and Sampling Frequency

Consider the signal $x(t) = \cos(2\pi t/7)$. Given the standard forms, $\cos(2\pi ft)$ and $\cos(\omega t)$, where f is linear frequency and ω is angular frequency, $f = \frac{1}{7}$ and $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{7}$. Given a sampling frequency of 1[Hz], the sampling theorem is satisfied. To determine if a sampled signal is periodic, the condition $\omega N = 2\pi r$, where r is the smallest integer such that N is an integer, must be satisfied.

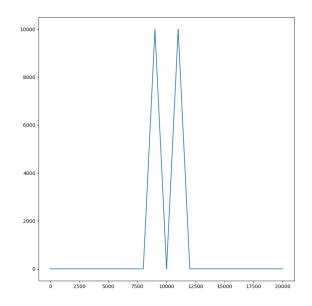


Fig. 2. The Fourier transform of a signal with a triangular spectrum carried at 10[kHz]

III. CONCLUSIONS