3- Superhytrodyne receiver:



The incoming modulated signal (with carrier frequency f_c) is translated to a new center frequency called Intermediate Frequency F_{IF} (for Am:455 kHz,(MW) for FM:10.7 *MHz*, for TV: 44 *MHz*.) by multiplying the incoming modulated signal by variable local carrier $F_{LO} = F_C \pm F_{IF}$. For example if AM station at 600 *kHz* is designed and if the local oscillator operates above the incoming frequency, the local frequency would be 600 + 455 = 1055 *kHz*. Mixing 1055 *kHz* with 600 *kHz* produces two frequencies 1655 *kHz* and 455 *kHz*, the IF amplifier would pass the frequency 455 *kHz* and thus the incoming frequency is translated to intermediate frequency.

Advantages:

• The amplification and filtering is performed at a fixed frequency regardless of station selection.

Disadvantages:

- High gain IF stages are tuned outside the assigned frequency band.
- Image frequency problem:

If the desired station at $F_c = 600 \, kHz$, the local carrier would be $F_{LO} = F_c + F_{IF} = 1055 \, kHz$, if there is another station at $F_{image} = 1510 = (F_c + 2F_{IF})$ it would be also received (since $1510 - 1055 = 455 \, kHz$).



Notes:

• $F_{Image} = F_C + 2F_{IF}$ when $F_{LO} = F_C + F_{IF}...(4-29)$

• $F_{Image} = F_C - 2F_{IF}$ when $F_{LO} = F_C - F_{IF}$...(4-30)

• To avoid image frequency problems, we choose F_{IF} such that: $2 F_{IF} \ge F_{max} - F_{min} \qquad \dots (4-31)$

Where $F_{max} \& F_{min}$ are the maximum and minimum allowed operating frequencies of the receiver.

Ex 4.11:

A given radar receiver operating at a frequency of 2.8 GHz and using a superhytrodyne principle has local oscillator frequency of 2.86 GHz. A second radar receiver operate at the image frequency of the first and interference results.

- a) Determine the intermediate frequency of the first radar receiver.
- b) What is the carrier frequency of the second receiver?

c) If you were to design a radar receiver, what is the minimum intermediate frequency you would choose to prevent image frequency problems in the range 2.8- 3 GHz radar band?

Solution:

a)
$$F_{IF} = F_{LO} - F_C = 2.86GHz - 2.8GHz = 60 MHz$$

b) $F_{Image} = F_C + 2 F_{IF} = 2.80GHz + 0.12GHz = 2.92 GHz$

c) $2 F_{IF} \ge F_{max} - F_{min} = 3.0 \ GHz - 2.8 \ GHz$ = 0.2 GHz $\therefore F_{IF} \ge 100 \ MHz$

<u>H.W:</u>

The figure below shows a satellite receiver uses two hytrodyne operations. It is used to receive transmissions at 136 *MHz*. the first local oscillator operates below the incoming carrier frequency, while the second operates above the first IF frequency. Find all possible image frequencies.





Noise in AM Systems:



Above diagram shows a simplified model of AM system with noisy channel. The modulator produces a total power of P_t watt. Due to the path losses (attenuation) usually measured in dB. The received signal power S_i would be:

$$S_i \mid_{dB} = P_t \mid_{dB} - k \mid_{dB} \qquad \dots (4-30)$$

The received noise power could be computed if the noise power spectral density and transmission BW are known using:

$$N_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{Bw_{tr}} S_n(\omega) d\omega \quad watt \qquad \dots (4-31)$$

The output signal to noise ratio $\frac{S_o}{N_o}$ depend on the structure of the demodulator and the modulation type used.

1- DSB-SC

• Synchronous detector:

$$S_{i} = \overline{[f(t)\cos\omega_{c}t]^{2}} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{f(t)^{2}}$$

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$$S_{i} = \frac{1}{2}S_{i}$$

$$S_{i} = \frac$$

$$n_d(t) = \frac{1}{2}n_c(t) + n_c(t)\cos 2\omega_c t - \frac{1}{2}n_s(t)\sin 2\omega_c t$$
$$n_o(t) = \frac{1}{2}n_c(t)$$

Defining $\overline{n_i^2(t)} = N_i$ We have $N_o = \overline{n_o^2(t)} = \frac{1}{4}\overline{n_c^2(t)} = \frac{1}{4}\overline{n_i^2(t)} = \frac{1}{4}N_i$ $\therefore \qquad \frac{S_o}{N_o} = 2\frac{S_i}{N_i}$...(4-32)

 \therefore In DSB-SC system, the detector improves the signal to noise ratio by factor of two.

2- <u>SSB-SC</u>

$$\begin{split} \phi_{SSB_{\pm}} &= f(t) cos \omega_c t \mp f(\widehat{t}) sin \omega_c t \\ S_i &= \overline{\phi^2(t)} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{f^2(t)} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{f^2(\widehat{t})} \\ \text{Since } \overline{f^2(t)} &= \overline{f^2(\widehat{t})} \\ &\therefore S_i = \overline{f^2(t)} \end{split}$$

The output signal is
$$\frac{1}{2}f(t)$$

 $S_o = \overline{\left[\frac{1}{2}f(t)\right]^2} = \frac{1}{4}\overline{f^2(t)} = \overline{\frac{1}{4}S_i}$
 $\therefore \qquad \overline{\frac{S_o}{N_o} = \frac{S_i}{N_i}}$...(4-33)

3- <u>SSB-LC</u>

• Envelope detector

$$\begin{split} \phi(t) &= [f(t) + A_c] cos\omega_c t\\ S_i &= \overline{\left[[f(t) + A_c] cos\omega_c t \right]^2} = \frac{1}{2}A_c^2 + \frac{1}{2}\overline{f^2(t)}\\ S_i(t) + n_i(t) &= [f(t) + A_c] cos\omega_c t + n_c(t) cos\omega_c t - n_s(t) sin\omega_c t \end{split}$$

The envelope of the signal is

$$r(t) = \sqrt{\{[f(t) + A_c] + n_c(t)\}^2 + \{n_s(t)\}^2}$$
$$\cong A_c + \underline{f(t)} + n_c(t) \quad \text{for High SNR}$$

$$\therefore \qquad \frac{S_o}{N_o} = \frac{2\overline{f^2(t)}}{A_c^2 + \overline{f^2(t)}} \cdot \frac{S_i}{N_i} \qquad \dots (4-34)$$

For single tone $f(t) = mA_c cos\omega_m t$,

$$\overline{f^2(t)} = \frac{m^2 A_c^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore \qquad \frac{S_o}{N_o} = \frac{2m^2}{2+m^2} \cdot \frac{S_i}{N_i} \qquad \dots (4-34)$$

<u>H.W</u>

Derive the relation between output signal to noise ratio and input signal to noise ratio for SSB-LC system, what would be the relation for S.T case?