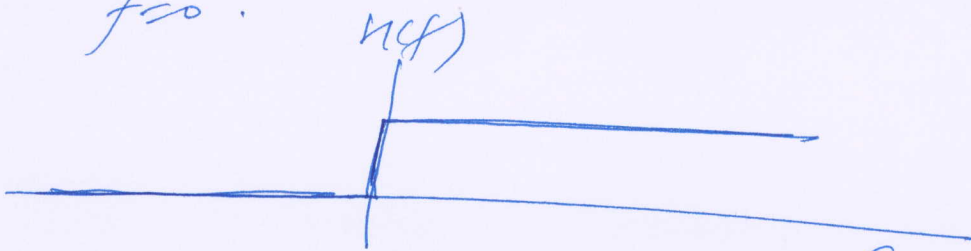


VESTIGIAL SIDEBAND MODULATION

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SSB is difficult to realize practically if the message signal $m(t)$ has energy content around at low frequencies. This is due to the fact of very high implementation complexity of filters having very sharp (narrow) transition band at $f=0$.

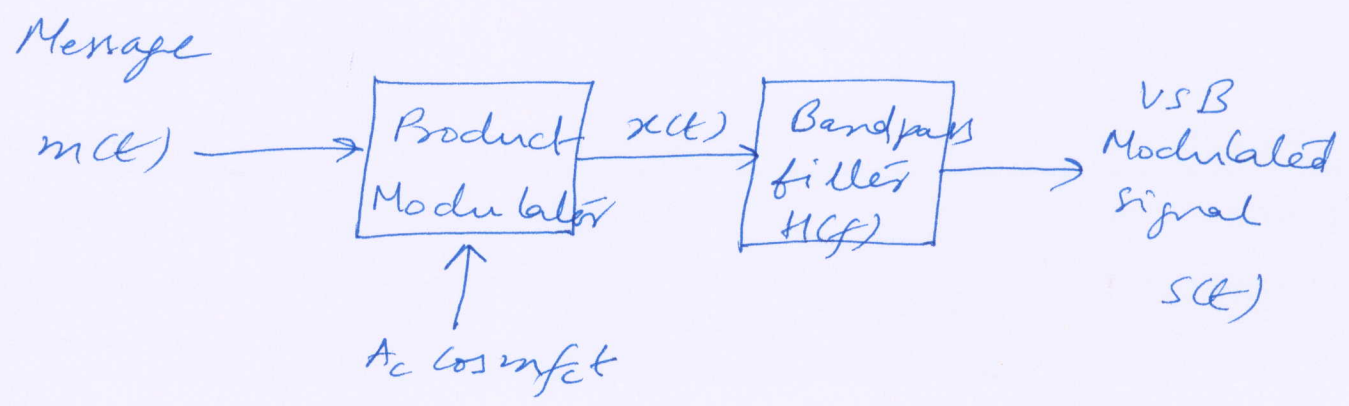


$$H(f) = \begin{cases} 1, & f > 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & f = 0 \\ 0, & f < 0 \end{cases}$$

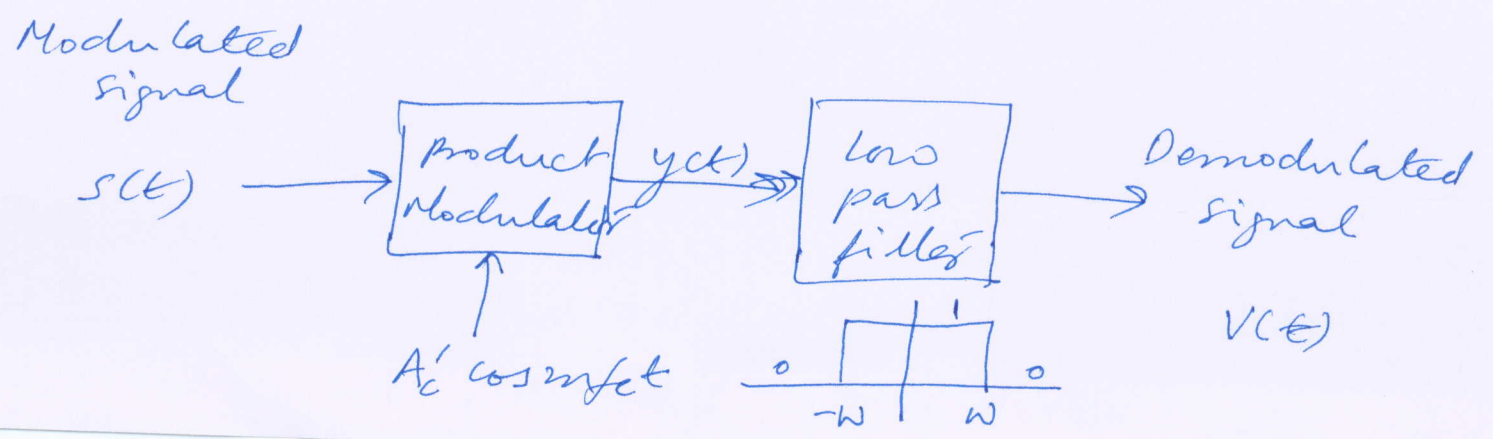
To realize $H(f)$ for transmitting the upper side band requires the design of a filter with a very narrow transition band (i.e., the region where the frequency response goes from 0 to 1).

Instead of designing (trying to design) very narrow transition band filters, can we design filters which allow some part of the other sideband ("vestige") to also be communicated in a controlled manner such that it does not impact the detection of the message signal at the coherent receiver.

Transmitter



COHERENT RECEIVER.



$$x(t) = A_c m(t) \cos m f_c t \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore X(f) = \frac{A_c}{2} (M(f+f_c) + M(f-f_c))$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} S(f) &= H(f) X(f) \\ &= \frac{A_c}{2} H(f) (M(f+f_c) + M(f-f_c)) \end{aligned}$$

————— (1)

At the coherent receiver, we assume synchronous phase and frequency and therefore

$$y(t) = A_c' s(t) \cos m f_c t$$

$$\therefore Y(f) = \frac{A_c'}{2} [S(f-f_c) + S(f+f_c)]$$

using (1) we get

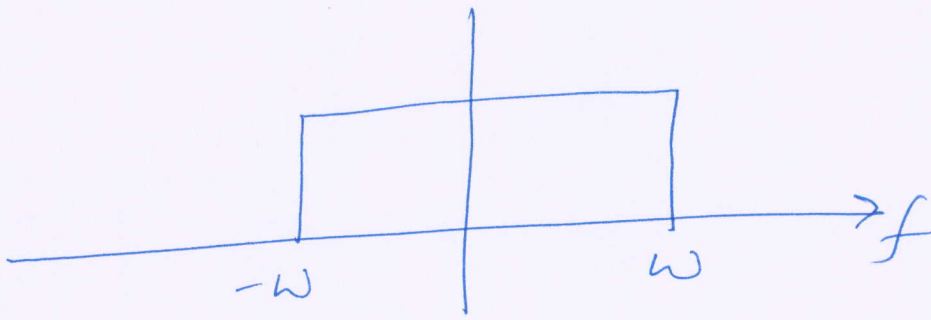
$$\begin{aligned} Y(f) &= \frac{A_c'}{2} A_c \left[H(f-f_c) M(f) + H(f-f_c) M(f-2f_c) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + H(f+f_c) M(f+f_c) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + H(f+f_c) M(f) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{A_c A_c'}{4} M(f) [H(f-f_c) + H(f+f_c)] \\ &\quad + \frac{A_c A_c'}{4} [H(f-f_c) M(f-2f_c) \\ &\quad + H(f+f_c) M(f+2f_c)] \end{aligned}$$

————— (2)

The low pass filter in the coherent receiver has response

(4)



In (2), the term $M(f-2f_c)$ has power in the band $(2f_c-W, 2f_c+W)$

(assuming that $M(f)$ is bandlimited to $[-W, W]$). If $f_c > W$, then the bands $(2f_c-W, 2f_c+W)$ and $(-W, W)$ are disjoint. $\therefore M(f-2f_c)$ is filtered out at the receiver.

Similarly the term $M(f+2f_c)$ is also filtered out.

\therefore the output of the low pass filter at the coherent receiver is given by

$$V(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{A_c A_c'}{4} M(f) [H(f+f_c) + H(f-f_c)], & |f| \leq W \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

— (3)

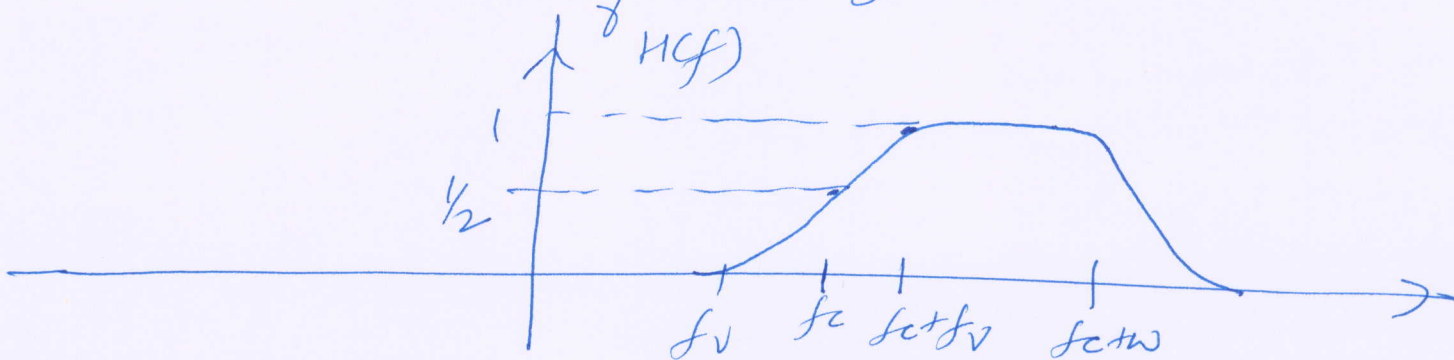
(5)

∴ To recover $m(t)$ at the receiver, one could impose the condition that

$$H(f-f_c) + H(f+f_c) = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{(some constant which does not vary with } f \text{)}$$

— (4)

For upper sideband transmission, this condition can be satisfied by a filter $H(f)$ of the form



letting $H(f)$ to be real-valued, we have $H(f) = H^*(-f) = H(-f)$ since $H(f)$ represents a band-pass filter whose impulse response is real-valued. ~~using the fact that~~ ^{Imposing the constraint that} ~~that~~ $H(f) = H(-f)$ in (4) we get

$$H(f_c-f) + H(f_c+f) = 1$$

for all $-w < f < w$ — (5)

∴ From (5) it follows that

$H(f)$ exhibits odd symmetry around f_c , i.e., for any f s.t. $|f| < W$, the sum of $H(f_c - f)$ and $H(f_c + f)$ is a constant.

(5) ~~implies that~~ putting $f=0$ in (5) gives us $H(f_c) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Note that (5) does not impose any constraint/restriction on the shape of $H(f)$ for $f > f_c + W$.

From the figure ^{of $H(f)$} it follows that we do allow a small portion of the lower side band ^(“VESTIGE”) (f_v, f_c) to be transmitted, but by imposing the constraint $H(f - f_c) + H(f + f_c) = 1, |f| < W$ we are able to guarantee perfect recovery by a coherent receiver.