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ABSTRACT

Optical fibre transmission is an attractive technology for point-to-point transmission of audio and video signals. It is use to replace conventional copper cable transmission. Electromagnetic interference (EMI) susceptibility of the copper cable can be eliminated. The purposes of this project are design, modulate and study performance system of square wave frequency modulation (SWFM) technique for optical fibre transmission. The results indicate that SWFM system is bandwidth efficient and low-cost alternative compared to the more complex and expensive digital system requiring far greater bandwidth.

ABSTRAK

Penghantaran isyarat audio dan video dari satu tempat ke tempat yang lain melalui fiber optik merupakan sebuah teknologi yang menarik. Ia digunakan untuk menggantikan penghantaran melalui kabel kuprum yang biasa. Masalah gangguan electromagnet pada kabel kuprum dapat diatasi. Projek ini bertujuan untuk mereka bentuk, memodulasi dan mengkaji prestasi sistem teknik pemodulatan frekuensi gelombang segiempat (SWFM). Hasil keputusan mendapati teknik SWFM adalah lebih praktikal berbanding teknik lain yang kompleks, memerlukan kos yang tinggi dan penggunaan sistem digital yang mahal.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AM	-	Amplitude Modulation
EMI	-	Electromagnetic Interference
FDM	-	Frequency Division Multiplexing
FM	-	Frequency Modulation
IC	-	Integrated Circuit
MUX	-	Multiplexer
NTSC	-	National Television System Committee
PAL	-	Phase Alternating Line
PM	-	Phase Modulation
SECAM	-	Sequential Color with Memory
SWFM	-	Square Wave Frequency Modulation
TDM	-	Time Division Multiplexing
WDM	-	Wavelength Division Multiplexing

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter is about the project introduction, project objective, problems statement, scope of work and short methodology.

1.1 Project Introduction

The purpose of this project is to design a system for optical fibre transmission of audio and video signal. Transmission of analogue signal competes with, or even excels the performance of digital system in some cases. Besides that, analogue system is attractive because of the simplicity and lower costs.

The audio and video signal is modulate using square wave frequency modulation (SWFM) technique. The modulated signal is transmit in a safe and efficient way over an optical fibre cable as the physical medium of transmission. The performance will be monitored by using computer simulation and building the hardware.

1.2 Project Objective

The main objectives that should be achieved at the end of this project are:

- (a) To design system for optical fibre transmission of audio and video signal.
- (b) To modulate square wave frequency modulation (SWFM).
- (c) To study performance of square wave frequency modulation (SWFM) technique for optical fibre transmission.

1.3 Problem Statement

Transmission audio and video signal using copper cable has many disadvantages. There is undesired phase shift which can distort chrome information in long transmission lines. Possibility of ground loops and reflections can be result from improper termination of coaxial distribution systems.

Signal quality degradation is usually caused by inferior electromagnetic interference (EMI) of metal wire cable lines. EMI is electromagnetic energy that causes undesirable responses, degradation, or complete system failure.

Besides that, there is problem about the transmitted signal. Sinusoidal waveform is difficult to analyze because it have value along the travel time where as signal transmission using square wave is easier to analyze because it is a periodic signal.

1.4 Scope of Work

There are several areas that being identified or considered that need to be work out:

- (a) Receive audio and video signal from external source:
 - (i) Audio frequency range: 10 Hz – 20 kHz
 - (ii) Video frequency range: 100 Hz – 4.2 MHz
- (b) Modulate signal into frequency modulation:
 - (i) Audio and video signal need to modulate separately.
 - (ii) Use oscillator to generate carrier frequency to modulator.
- (c) Convert sine wave to square wave:
 - (i) Use Voltage-Controlled Oscillator IC as converter
- (d) Convert electronic into optical interface.
- (e) Provide output connection to fibre optic cable.

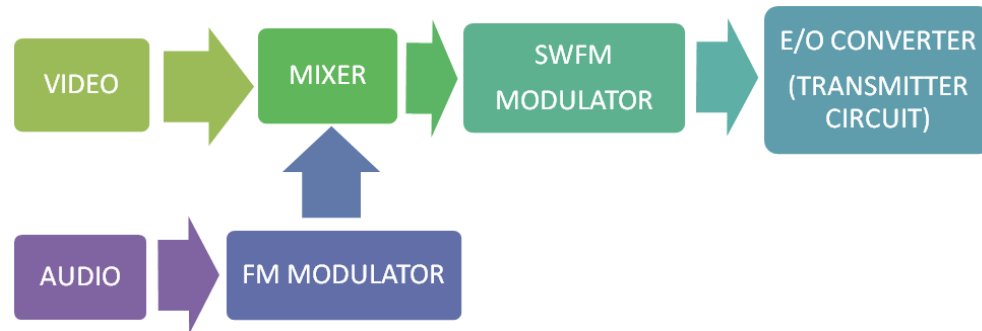


Figure 1.1 Block Diagram of Project

1.5 Methodology

There are five phases involved in order to achieve the objective of this project:

- (a) Project Planning
 - Identify project and discussion with supervisor
 - Prepare Gantt Chart for guidelines and progress of project
- (b) Literature Review
 - Background studies and references
 - Searching for suitable circuit
- (c) Simulation
 - Simulation using Multisim software
- (d) Hardware Construction
 - Components and parts identification
 - Designing circuit boards and assembling
 - Testing, analyzing and diagnose circuits
- (d) Finishing
 - Testing of prototype in operation, application and results.
 - Presentation on outcome of project.

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

This chapter will review research that has been done about the project, including theory and circuits related to the project.

2.1 Basic Telecommunication System

Telecommunication is the transport of information from one place to another. The word has its roots in both Greek (tele) and Latin (communicatio) meaning distant connection. While telephony refers to telephone communications over wire or through the air (wireless), telecommunications today implies the transfer of analogue or digital, voice, video, or data signals over copper wire, wireless, or fibre-optic media.

Block diagram of telecommunication system consist transmitter, transmission medium, receiver and system noise. Transmitter is a collection of one or more electronic devices or circuits that converts the original source information to form more suitable for transmission over particular transmission medium. The transmission medium or communications channel provides transporting signals between transmitter and receiver. It can be as simple as pair of copper wires or complex as sophisticated microwave, satellite, or optical fibre communication systems. System noise is unwanted electrical signals that interfere with the information signal. Receiver is collection of electronic devices and circuits that accepts the transmitted signals from the transmission medium and converts those signals back to their original form.

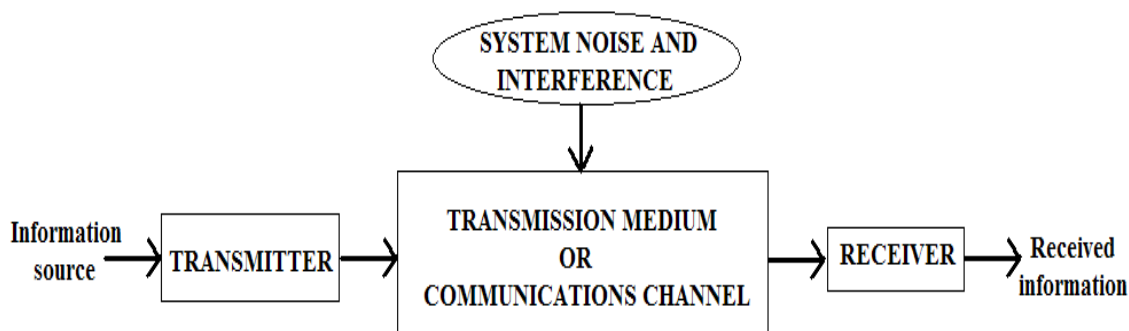


Figure 2.1 Block Diagram of Telecommunication System

2.2 Analogue and Digital Signals

An analogue signal is continuous, such as an electric voltage or current. All values between the maximum and the minimum are allowed. When a voice is converted into an electrical voltage or current, the result is an analogue electrical signal. A digital signal, on the other hand, is discrete in that only certain values are allowed. Most communications signals are now digital. This digital signal uses a binary code (one or zero) to represent discrete values of some original signal or information. The binary code can also be used to represent letters of the alphabet and numbers such as in the ASCII character code. Additional bits for error detection and correction can be added. Using digital signals, any information can be converted to digital form and transport through a communication system.

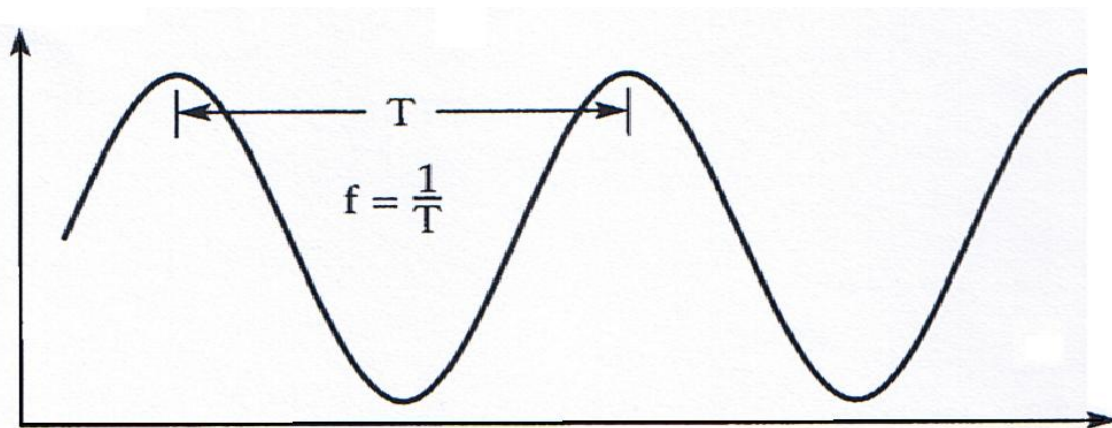


Figure 2.2 Analogue Signal

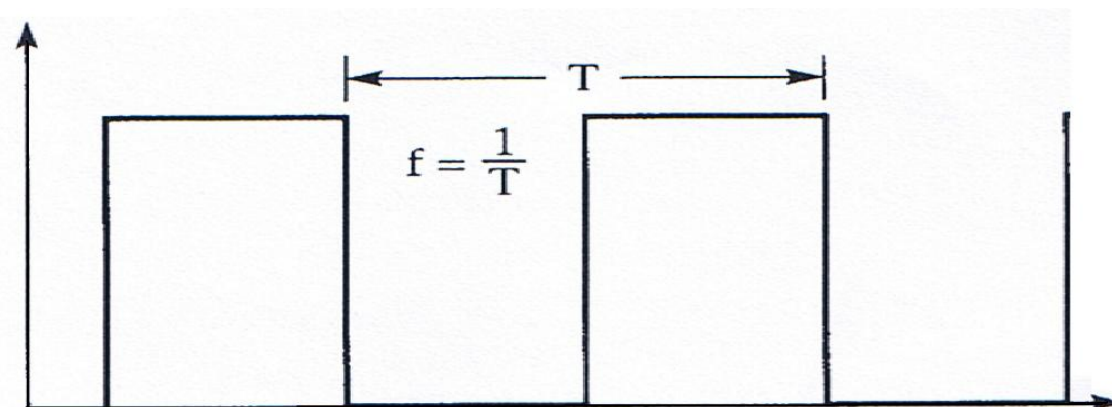


Figure 2.3 Digital Signal

2.2.1 Frequency and Bandwidth

Any time-varying periodic signal can be defined in terms of its frequency, which is the number of cycles per second or equivalently in units of Hertz (Hz). The frequency is also equal to the reciprocal of the period (T). Systems often use filters to control the frequencies to be passed. Filters can allow only lower frequencies (low-pass), higher frequencies (high-pass), or a range of intermediate frequencies (band-pass) to be transmitted. A notch filter passes all frequencies except for a small band.

Bandwidth (BW) used to describe the range of analogue frequencies passed by filter. For digital signals the bit rate is defined as the number of bits transmitted per second (bps). If one bit is sent per digital period, the digital bandwidth is equal to the data rate. Through modulation and multiplexing techniques, often more than one bit can be sent per cycle.

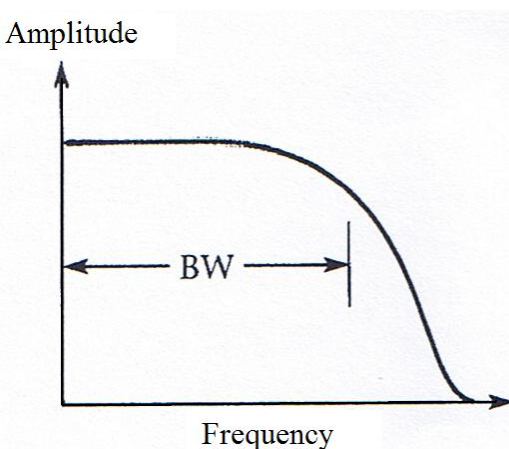


Figure 2.4 Low-Pass Filter

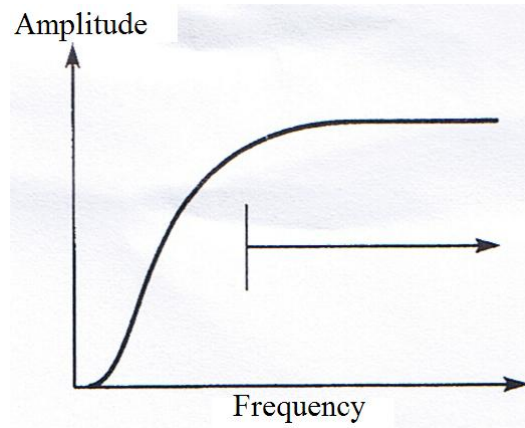


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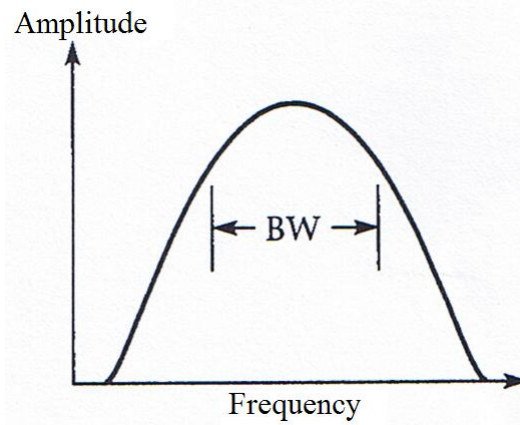


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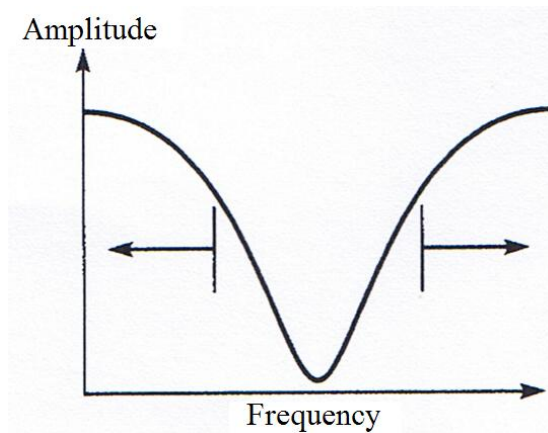


Figure 2.7 Notch Filter