

UNIT - X

Communication System

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Communication \rightarrow Communication means the processing & transfer of signal & information from one place to another place either through wires or through optical fibre or through space.

Types of communication \rightarrow

(1) On the basis of link or medium or transmission channel used communication can be classified as

- (a) Cable communication (wire link)
- (b) Ground wave communication (wireless link)
- (c) Sky " " (" "
- (d) Satellite communication (" "
- (e) Optical " (wire link)

(2) On the basis of type of modulation used, the communication can be classified as.

- (a) Amplitude modulated communication
- (b) Frequency " "
- (c) Phase " "
- (d) Pulse " " etc. (c)
- (e)

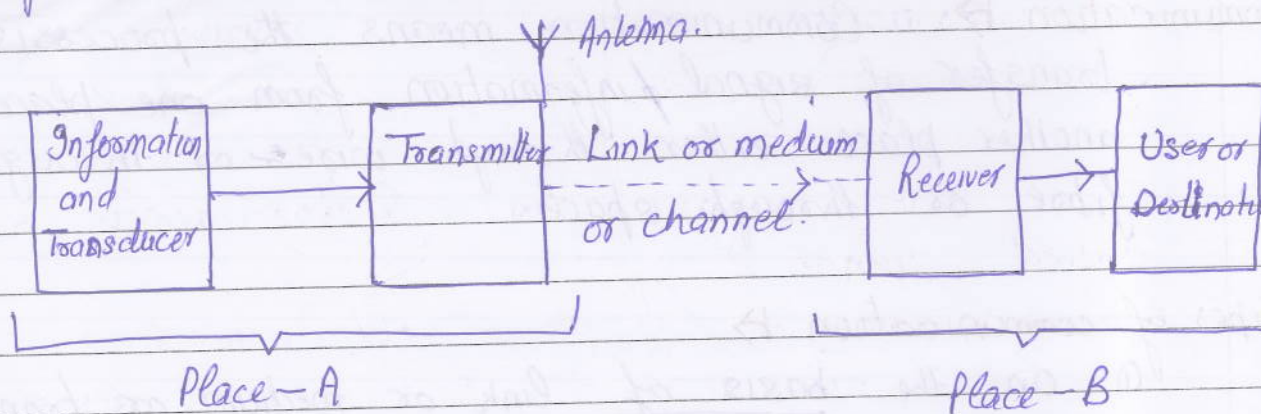
(3) On the basis of type of signal used, the communication can be of following types

- (a) Analog communication
- (b) Digital "

Elements of communication system \rightarrow

To communicate from one place to other place at a long distance (say through a telephone) a communication system has to be setup. The block diagram

of the basic communication system is as shown



(1) Transmitter \rightarrow At the transmitting station, information signal (say audio or video) is converted into electrical signal using transducer. This electrical signal is modulated, amplified and fed to the communication channel.

(b) Communication channel \rightarrow Depending on the type of communication, signal received from the transmitter is carried from station A to station B either through wire links or wireless links.

(c) Receiver \rightarrow At the receiving station - B, receiver amplifies the received signal and demodulates to extract the original information.

Basic terminology used in electronic communication

(1) Information \rightarrow Information is a useful message in the form of speech, pictures, text, data. For a radio station, it is in the form of speech whereas for a TV station, it is in the form of speech and pictures.

② Signal \rightarrow ~~Information~~ \rightarrow While transmitting the information over a long distance, it has to be converted in electromagnetic form.

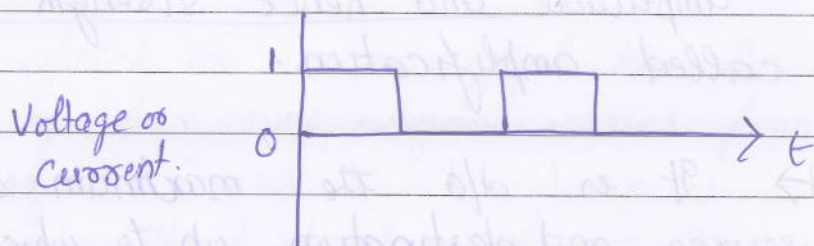
The information in electromagnetic form is called signal

(a) Analog Signal \rightarrow A signal whose magnitude changes continuously with time is called analog signal.



(b) Digital Signal \rightarrow A signal which has only two levels/values i.e. max or min OR high or low OR on or off.

Max or high or on ~~is~~ is represented by binary digit 1
and Min or low or off is represented by binary digit 0.



(3) Encoding \rightarrow The process of converting an information into signal is called encoding

4. Transducers \rightarrow A device which converts one form of energy into another form of energy is called transducer. e.g. microphone, LED etc.
microphone converts speech or voice into electrical signal
classmate LED " electrical signal into light signal

5. **Attenuation** \rightarrow The strength of signal decreases as it travels through the medium or link.

The loss of strength or power of an electrical signal while travelling through a medium or communication channel is called attenuation.

6. **Noise** \rightarrow It is d/a the disturbance or unwanted elements which interfere with the desired signal.

7. **Modulation** \rightarrow The process of superimposing low frequency signal waves on high frequency carrier waves is called modulation.

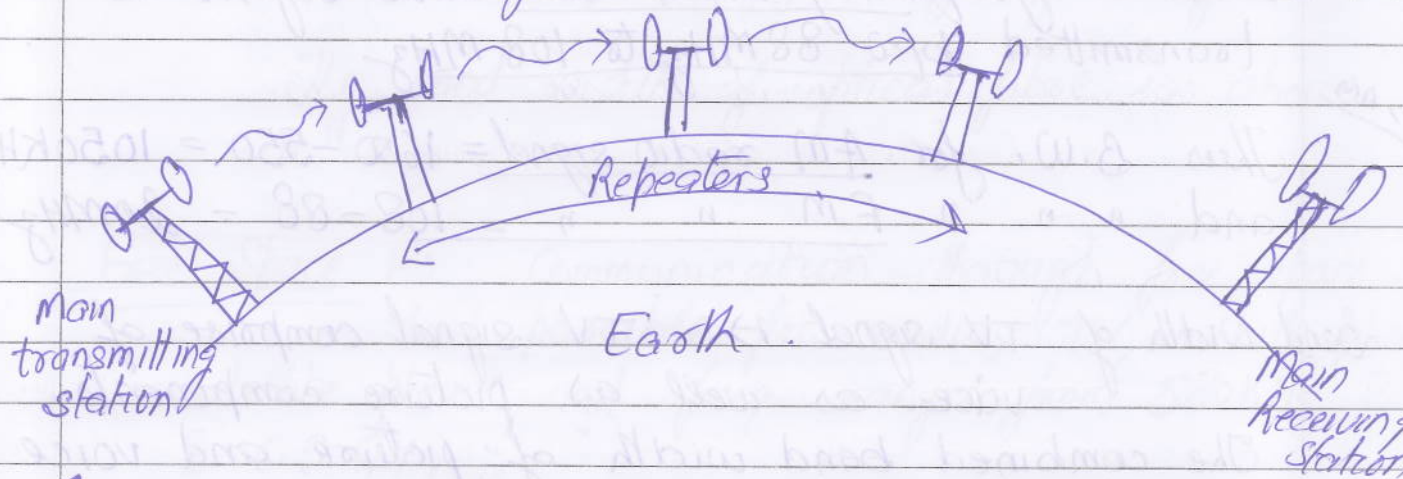
8. **Demodulation** \rightarrow The process of extracting signal waves from the modulated wave is called demodulation.

9. **Amplification** \rightarrow The process of increasing the amplitude and hence strength of the signal is called amplification.

Range \rightarrow It is d/a the maximum distance between source and destination up to which desired signal with sufficient amplitude can reach.

Repeaters \rightarrow In order to increase the range of transmission or to transmit the signal over a long distance, number of receivers and transmitters k/a repeaters are installed between the main transmitting and main receiving stations.

Each repeater receives the signal, amplifies and retransmits it to the next repeater. Thus finally the desired signal reaches the distant destination.



Band Width of signals \rightarrow The width of frequency spectrum of a signal is k/a band width of the signal.

If frequency of the signal varies from ν_{\min} to ν_{\max} then band width of the signal is

$$B.W = \nu_{\max} - \nu_{\min}$$

(i) Band width of speech or voice signal \rightarrow In telephony frequency of the voice signal varies from 300 Hz to 3100 Hz.

Thus band width of speech signal is $= 3100 - 300 = 2800$

(ii) Band width of music or Audio signal \rightarrow Human ear can hear music of audible range i.e. b/w 20 Hz to 20000 Hz.

Thus band width of music signal $= (20000 - 20) \text{ Hz}$
 $= 19980 \text{ Hz}$

$\approx 20 \text{ kHz}$

Bandwidth of radio signal \rightarrow Amplitude modulated radio signal is transmitted b/w 550 KHz to 1600 where as frequency modulated radio signal is transmitted b/w 88 MHz to 108 MHz

FM \rightarrow AM

Thus B.W. for AM radio signal = $1600 - 550 = 1050$
and " " " FM " " = $108 - 88 = 20$ MHz

Band width of TV signal \rightarrow TV signal compose of voice as well as picture components. The combined band width of picture and voice signal is about 6 MHz

TV signals are transmitted on the following bands

- High frequency (HF) \rightarrow 54 MHz to 72 MHz
- Very " " (VHF) \rightarrow 174 MHz to 216 MHz
- Ultra " " (UHF) \rightarrow 420 MHz to 890 MHz

Band width of digital signal \rightarrow Theoretically infinite bandwidth is required for digital signal.

Because rectangular digital signal be considered to be made up due to superposition of infinite sinusoidal signals.

Bandwidth of transmission Medium \rightarrow Depending the frequency range or band width of signal to be transmitted, - transmission suitable transmission medium is selected

Band width of co-axial cable \rightarrow Co-axial cables are used for signals below 18 GHz

Bandwidth of optical fibre \rightarrow Optical fibres are used for the transmission of microwaves and UV waves of frequency range of 1 THz to 1000 THz.

The bandwidth of optical fibre is above 10^{11} Hz.

Free Space \rightarrow Communication through free space is best possible for radio, TV, mobile phone, satellite phone and freq. ranges from 580 kHz to 6.5 GHz.

Various frequency ranges of radio and microwave

S.No	Name of signal	Frequency range
1	Very low frequency (VLF)	< 30 kHz
2	Low frequency (LF)	30 kHz to 300 kHz
3	Medium freq. (MF) or Med Wave	300 kHz to 3 MHz
4	High freq. (HF) or Short wave	3 MHz to 30 MHz
5	Very High freq. VHF	30 MHz to 300 MHz
6	Ultra " " UHF	300 MHz to 3000 MHz
7	Super " " SHF	3 GHz to 30 GHz
8	Extremely " " EHF	> 30 GHz

Behaviour of earth's atmosphere towards em waves \rightarrow

The earth's atmosphere contains 78% of nitrogen and 21% of O_2 and remaining 1% of other gases like CO_2 , CO or Ar etc.

Earth's atmosphere can be divided into

four basic regions. Various regions of earth's atmosphere behaves differently towards em waves.

① Troposphere \rightarrow extends from 0 to 12 km
temp falls from 280K to 220K
Low energy infrared radiations can't penetrate through it.

② Stratosphere \rightarrow extends from 12 km to 50 km
temp rises from 220K to 280K
It contains ozone layer, which ~~also~~ protects us from the harmful U.V radiations coming from the sun.

3. Mesosphere \rightarrow extends from 50 km to 80 km
temp falls from 280K to 180K

This layer absorbs ^{a part of} high frequency em waves and allows the rest of em waves to pass through it.

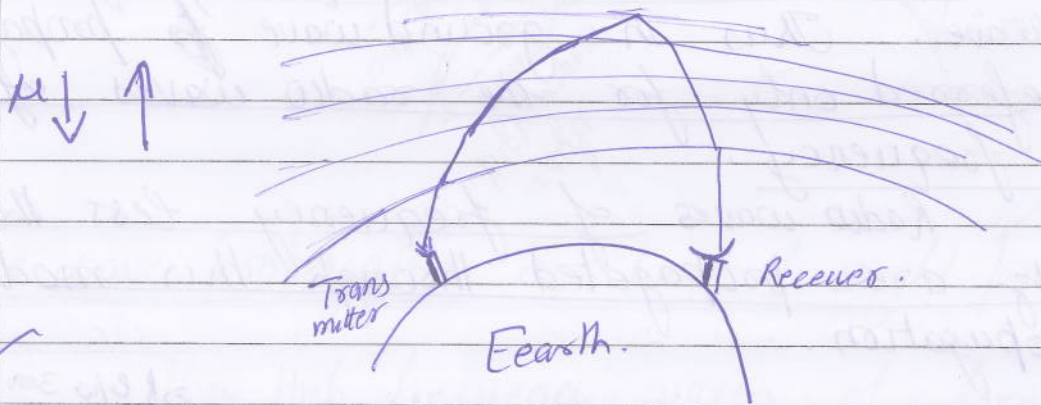
4. Ionosphere \rightarrow extends from 80 km to 400 km
temp rises with height in this region.
The density of this region goes on decreasing with height.



Ionosphere plays a vital role in the radio-communication.

Ionosphere helps in transmitting the radio-messages round the curve of the earth.

Radio-message is transmitted towards the ionosphere. As densities of the different layers of the ionosphere goes on decreasing with height, thus transmitted message bends continuously away from normal. And finally when angle of incidence becomes more than critical angle, total internal reflection takes place and thus message get reflected back to earth and can be received even ~~as~~ round the curve of earth.



Modes of propagation of electromagnetic waves \rightarrow

Since behaviour of earth and its atmosphere is different for different frequency range. Thus depending on the frequency of the radio wave or microwave, it can be transmitted from one place on earth to other part of earth.

- (1) Ground wave propagation
- (2) Sky wave propagation or ionospheric propagation.
3. Space wave propagation or Line of Sight propagation.

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① Ground wave propagation \rightarrow

① ^{RATE} signal's transmitted

② Reason why (low frequency) $f < 1500 \text{ kHz}$

In ground wave or surface wave propagation, radio waves travel from transmitting antenna to receiving antenna along the surface of earth. Due to conductivity and permittivity of earth, energy of the transmitted wave goes on decreasing with distance.

Since loss of energy (i.e. attenuation) increases with increase in frequency of radio wave. Thus in ground wave propagation is preferred only for the radio waves of lower frequency.

Radio waves of frequency less than 1500 kHz are propagated through this mode of propagation.

2. Sky wave or ionospheric propagation \rightarrow

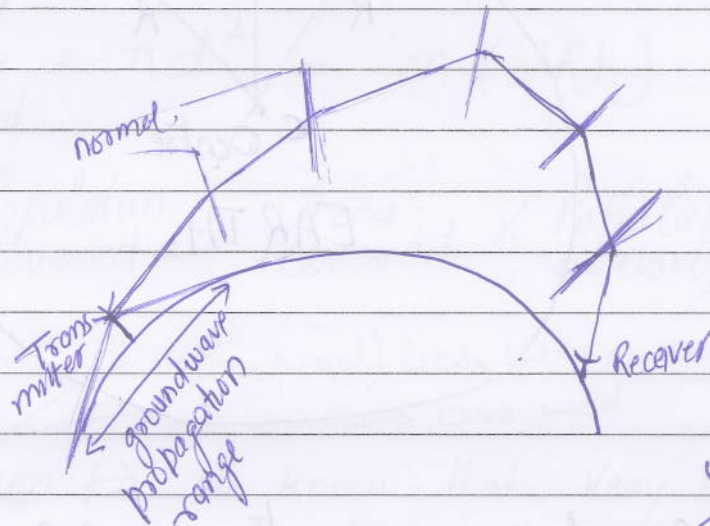
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In sky wave propagation, waves of frequency more than 3000 kHz ($= 3 \text{ MHz}$) are directed towards the ionosphere.

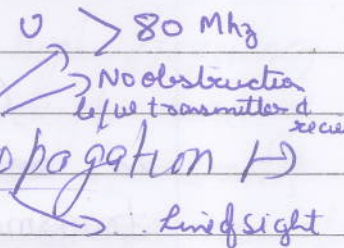
While travelling through the ionosphere, it goes on bending due to refraction and finally total internal reflection takes place and ~~the~~ waves are received back at the surface of earth.

With the help of sky wave propagation, waves can be transmitted over the curved surface of earth.

← Sky wave propagation is useful for frequencies between 3 MHz to 30 MHz. Because waves of frequency more than 30 MHz, penetrates through the ionosphere and are not reflected back.



(3) Space wave propagation or Line of sight propagation

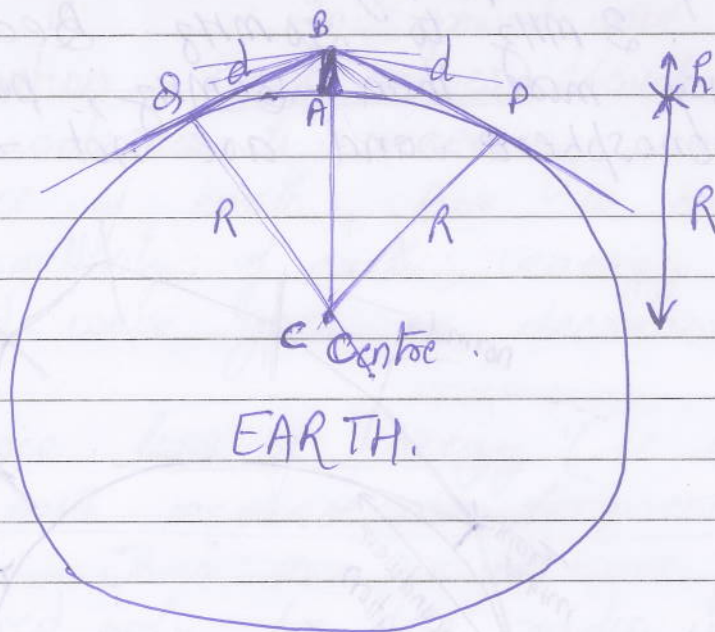


Very High frequency waves of frequency more than 30 MHz (also known as space waves) can be propagated from transmitting antenna to receiving antenna through space wave propagation.

In space wave propagation, signals can be received only if receiving antenna directly intercepts the signal from the transmitting antenna, i.e. if there is no obstruction b/w transmitting and receiving antennas. Thus this propagation is also known as line of sight propagation.

Thus in this mode of propagation, distance covered or area covered depends upon the height of the antennas.

Height of the antenna and area covered \rightarrow



Consider an antenna AB of height h is installed on the surface of earth. The transmitted from point B of the antenna will be received by the people living in circle of radius BP or BQ.

In right angle triangle $\triangle BCP$

$$BC^2 = BP^2 + PC^2$$

$$(AB + AC)^2 = BP^2 + PC^2$$

$$(h + R)^2 = BP^2 + R^2$$

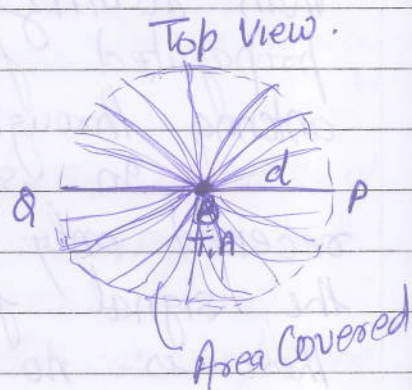
$$R^2 + h^2 + 2Rh = BP^2 + R^2$$

$$BP^2 = h^2 + 2Rh$$

since $h \ll R \therefore h^2$ can be neglected

$$\therefore BP^2 = 2Rh$$

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$$\text{or } d^2 = 2Rh$$
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{d = \sqrt{2Rh}}$$

Thus area covered by the signal is

$$\text{Area}_{\text{Covered}} = \pi d^2 = \pi (2Rh) = 2\pi Rh.$$

$$\text{or Population}_{\text{covered}} = \text{Area}_{\text{covered}} \times \text{Population Density}$$

Satellite

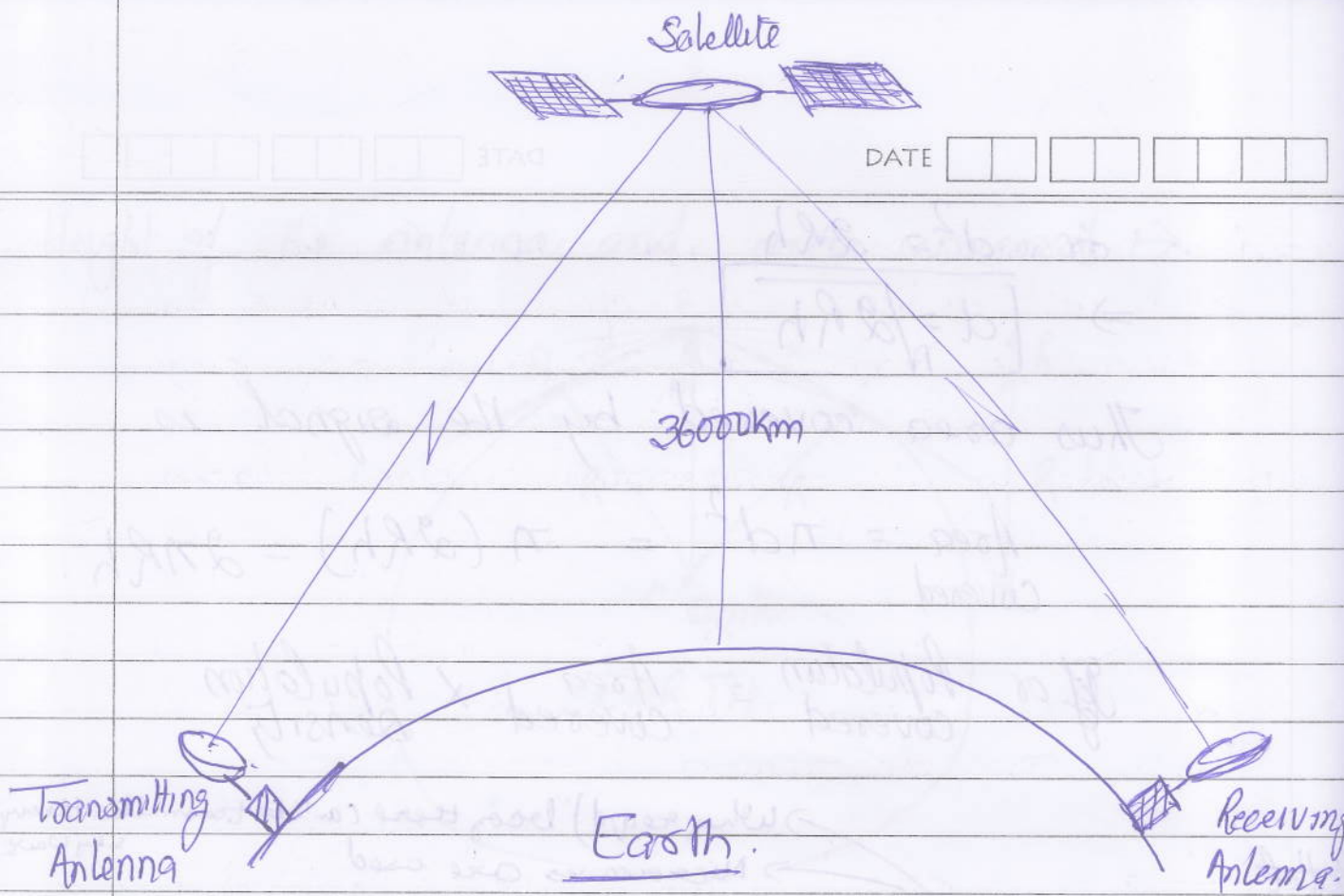
Why read) bcoz there can't be transmitted through sky waves
Microwaves are used

Satellite Communication \rightarrow We know that Very High frequency waves can be transmitted through line of sight communication. Thus in order to transmit these waves over the whole globe large no. repeaters are required ~~not~~ which is not possible due to geographic condition of the earth.

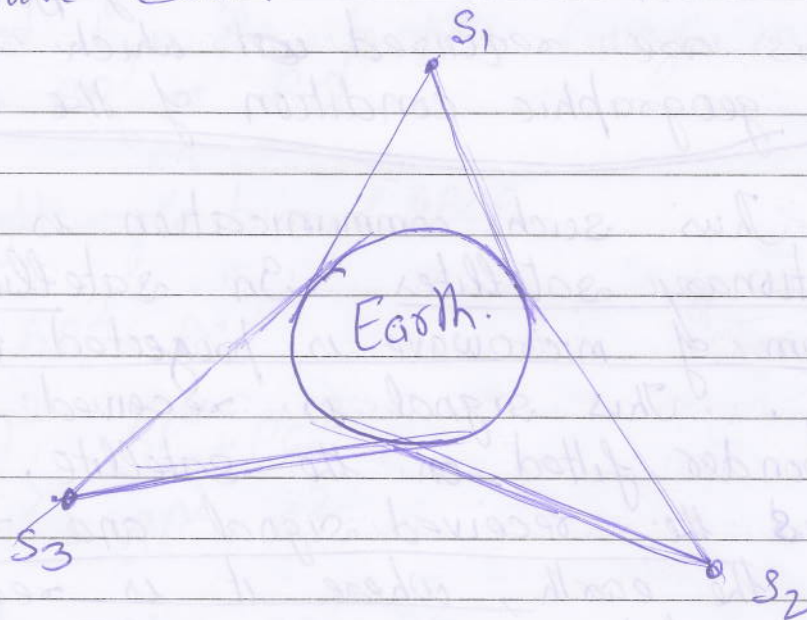
Thus such communication is made through geo-stationary satellites. In satellite communication a beam of microwave is projected towards the satellite. This signal is received by the transponder fitted on the satellite. Transponder amplifies the received signal and retransmits it towards the earth, where it is received by the receiving station.

Thus we can say that satellite acts as a big microwave repeater in the sky.

~~Free~~



Three geo-stationary satellite separated by an angular separation of 120° each can cover the entire earth



Need of Modulation \rightarrow Audio signal / music having very low frequency of range b/w 20Hz to 20kHz, cannot be transmitted as such over a long distance because of the following factors.

① Height of the transmitting antenna required \rightarrow

We know that height of the transmitting antenna required to transmit a signal must be of height equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the wave length of the signal.

Thus for a audible signal wave of freq. 15 kHz, the wave length of the wave

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{\nu} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}}{15 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz}} = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 20 \text{ km}$$

Thus height of the transmitting antenna required is

$$h = \frac{\lambda}{4} = \frac{20}{4} = 5 \text{ km}$$

To erect/install such a tall antenna is almost impossible. Thus low frequency audio signal is superimposed on high freq. carrier waves (i.e. modulation) for long distance transmission.

② Power radiated by an Antenna \rightarrow power radiated by an antenna is more for shorter wave length or for high freq. signal. For covering larger area power radiation should be more, thus high frequency which is possible for high frequency waves. Thus modulation is done.

power radiated by dish antenna of diam D is

$$P_{da} = 6 \left(\frac{D}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

and power radiated by linear antenna

$$P \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

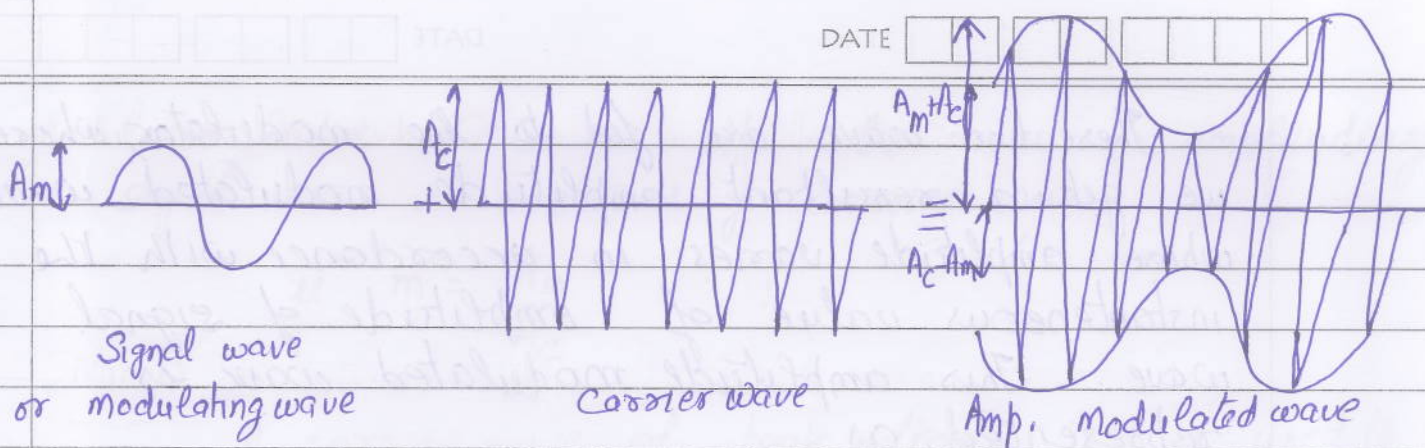
Noise factor 3.

Mixing up of signal \Rightarrow If voice of all signals are transmitted as such (without modulation) from different transmitting antennas then these signals will get mixed up to produce nothing desirable.

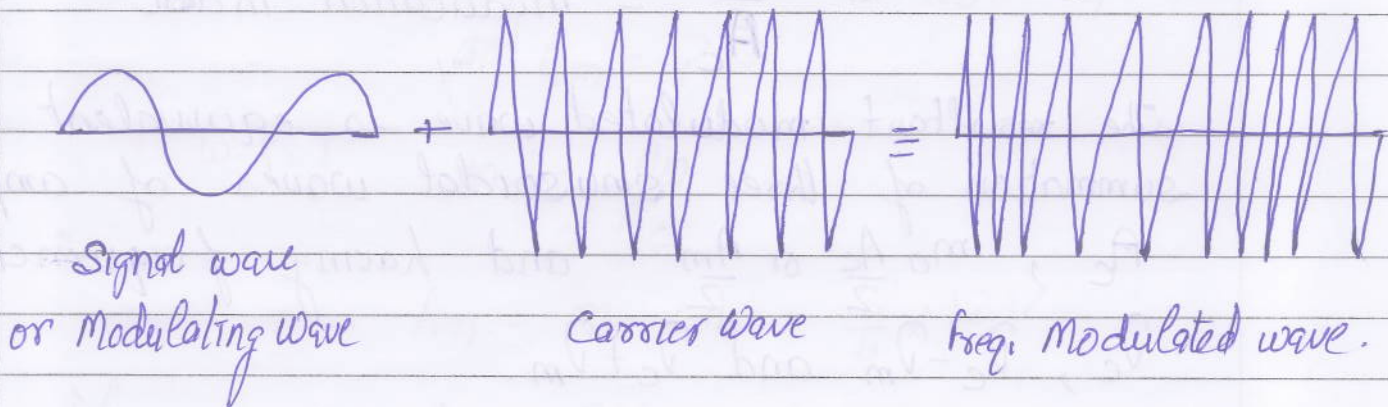
Modulation \Rightarrow The process of mounting or superimposing low frequency signal wave over a high frequency carrier wave is called modulation.

Types of Modulation \Rightarrow

(i) AMPLITUDE MODULATION \Rightarrow In amplitude modulation (AM) low frequency signal waves (or modulating waves) are superimposed on high frequency carrier waves to get a resultant modulated wave such a manner that frequency of resultant modulated wave remains same as that of carrier waves where as its amplitude varies accordance with the amplitude of signal.



② **Frequency Modulation** \rightarrow In frequency modulation (FM) low freq. signal wave (or modulating wave) is superimposed on high frequency carrier wave to get resultant modulated wave in such a manner that the amplitude of the resultant modulated wave remains same as that of carrier wave where as its frequency varies in accordance with the amplitude of signal wave.



Ques \rightarrow Derive an expression for amplitude modulated wave, Define modulation index, ~~an~~ what are the advantages and disadvantages of A.M.

Ans \rightarrow Consider an audio signal wave of frequency f_m and angular freq. ω_m . If A_m is its amplitude then instantaneous voltage of signal wave is given as

$$e_m = A_m \sin \omega_m t \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Similarly instantaneous voltage of high freq. carrier wave is given as

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$$e_c = A_c \sin \omega_c t \quad \text{--- ②}$$

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These two wave are fed to the modulator, where we get a resultant amplitude modulated wave whose amplitude varies in accordance with the instantaneous value of amplitude of signal wave. This amplitude modulated wave is represented as

$$e = (A_c + e_m) \sin \omega_c t$$

on solving it we get

$$e = A_c \sin \omega_c t + \frac{m_a A_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t - \frac{m_a A_c}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t$$

where $m_a = \frac{A_m}{A_c}$ = modulation index

The resultant modulated wave is equivalent summation of three sinusoidal waves of A_c , $\frac{m_a A_c}{2}$ or $\frac{A_m}{2}$ and having frequencies ν_c , $\nu_c - \nu_m$ and $\nu_c + \nu_m$.

where ν_c = freq. of carrier wave as well as resultant modulated wave

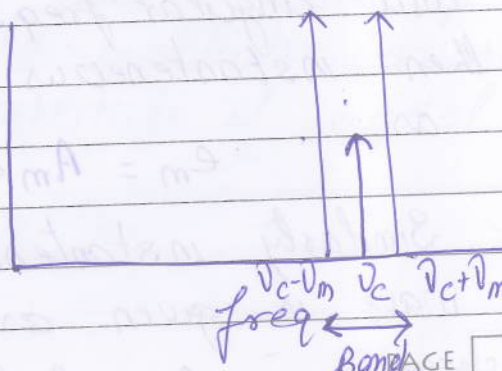
$\nu_c + \nu_m$ = Upper Side Band (USB) freq.

$\nu_c - \nu_m$ = Lower Side Band (LSB) freq.

$$\text{Band Width} = \nu_c + \nu_m - (\nu_c - \nu_m)$$

$$= 2\nu_m$$

Amp.



Modulation Index \rightarrow It is d/a the ratio of amplitude of signal wave to amplitude of carrier wave.

$$m = \frac{A_m}{A_c}$$

Num \rightarrow

A carrier wave of peak voltage 12V is used to transmit a signal. What should be the peak voltage of signal wave or modulating wave in order to have modulation index of 75%.

Ans

Given $A_c = 12V$

$$m_a = 75\% = \frac{75}{100} = \frac{3}{4}$$

and $A_m = ?$

w.k.T $m_a = \frac{A_m}{A_c}$

$$\therefore A_m = m_a \times A_c = \frac{3}{4} \times 12V$$

$$\Rightarrow A_m = 9V \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Advantages of A.M. \rightarrow

(1) It is an easier method of transmission and receiving.

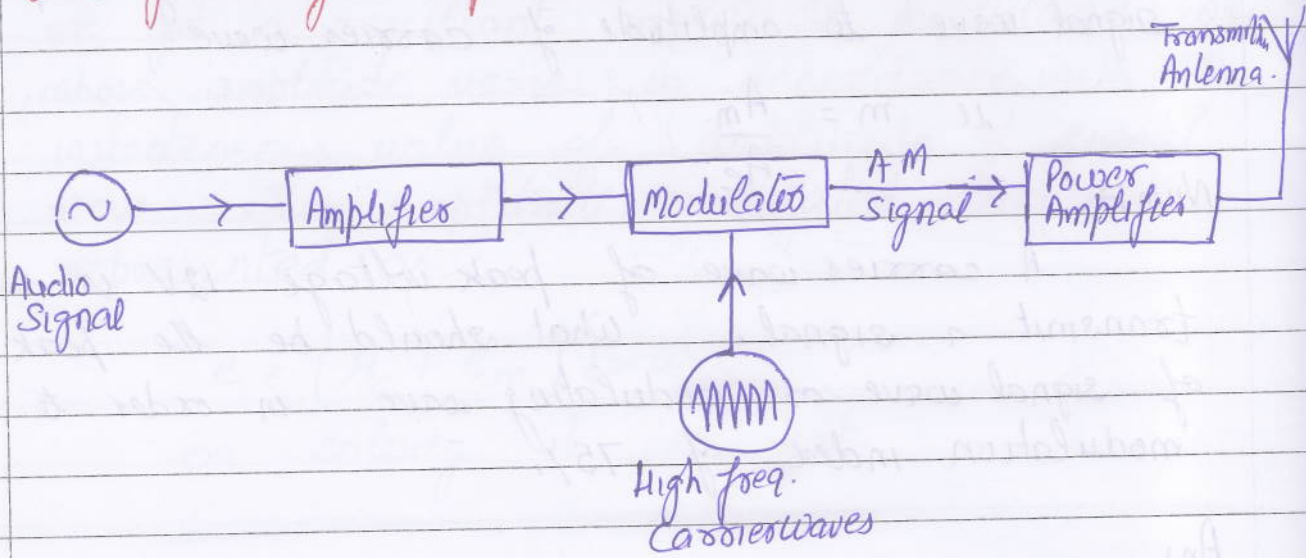
(2) It is cheaper / inexpensive.

Disadvantages \rightarrow

(1) Amp. modulation is noise sensitive.

(2) It is limited to short distance point-to-point transmission.

Block diagram of Amplitude modulated transmission

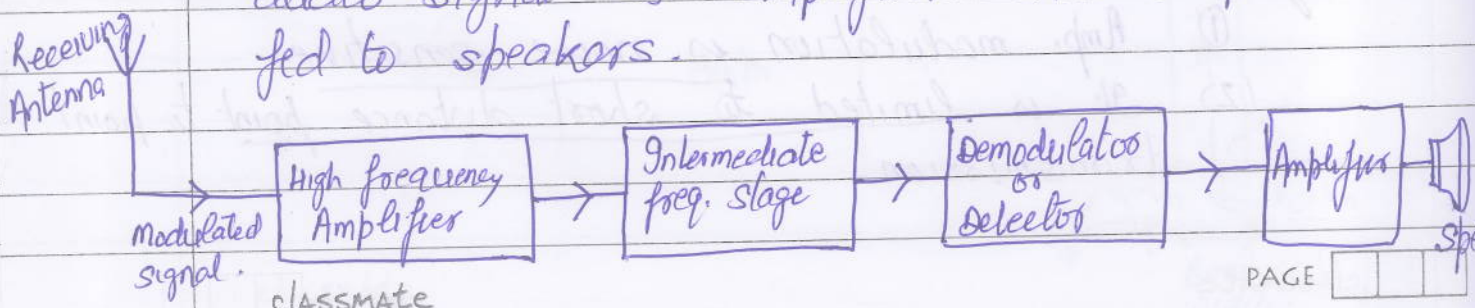


Detection of Amplitude modulated wave or Demodulation

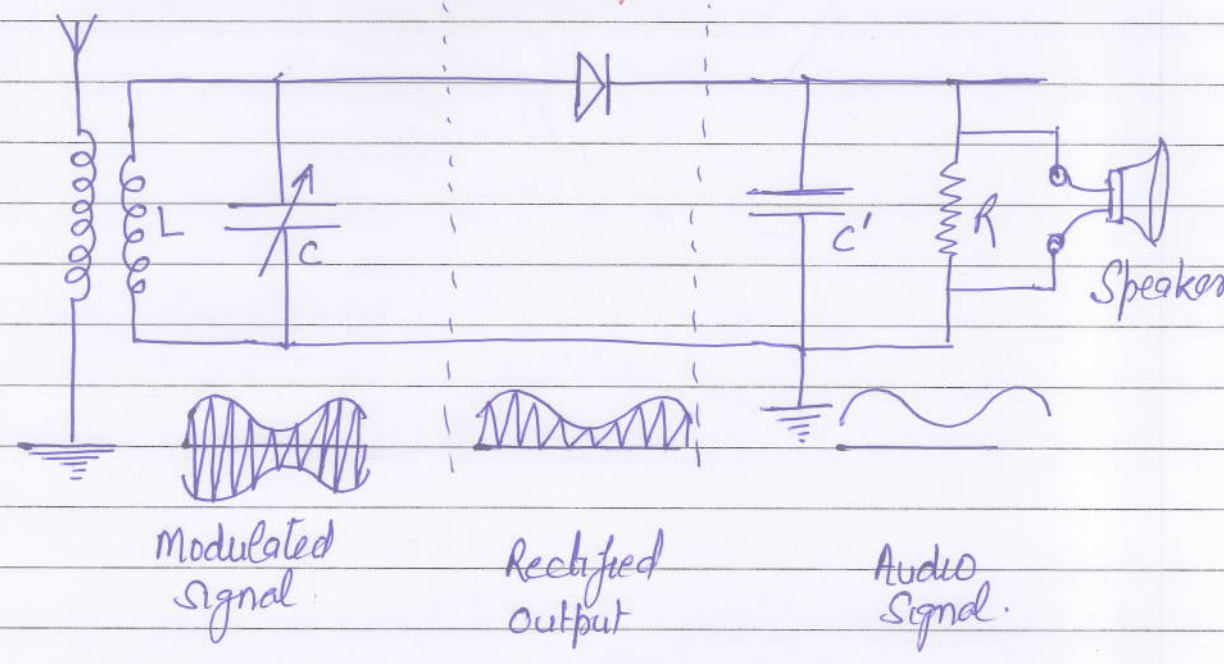
The process of extracting audio signal from the modulated wave is called demodulation.

Block diagram of demodulation

A receiving antenna receives the amplitude modulated signal transmitted by the transmitting antenna. This attenuated signal is first amplified by using high frequency amplifier. Now this signal is fed to intermediate frequency (IF) stage to change it to comparatively low frequency signal. Now demodulator extracts the audio signal from the carrier wave. This audio signal is amplified and output is fed to speakers.



Circuit diagram and working of demodulator \rightarrow



Tuned circuit consisting of a \parallel combination inductor L and variable capacitor C , selects the desired signal among the various signals received by the receiving antenna.

This modulated signal is ~~fed to~~ half wave rectified by the PN junction. Out of this rectified signal, high frequency carrier waves pass easily through the capacitor C' because of its very low capacitive reactance to high frequency carrier waves ($X_c = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$). Whereas low frequency signal

waves can't pass through C' and are obtained across load resistor and hence through speaker. Where original speech or music is reproduced.