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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this work is to develop a means of estimating, in real time, the average frequency of a random process, given only a time-limited sample of that process. Motivation for this study is found in the field of radar meteorology. In a rainstorm, the velocity of each falling raindrop is a direct function of its size. If the rainstorm is observed with a Doppler radar, the average frequency of the return signal gives the meteorologist useful information about the sizes of the raindrops present.

The average frequency of a random process is defined in terms of the power spectral density. Previous estimators of average frequency were mathematically based on estimating the power spectral density. In this work, the average frequency is expressed in terms of the autocorrelation and cross-correlation functions, and a new estimator is obtained which is based on estimates of these correlation functions.

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A laboratory model of the proposed device was constructed and tested under several sets of operating conditions. It is found that, under typical operating conditions, the proposed estimator performs almost as well as those proposed earlier, and is simpler in form. For very short samples of the random process, however, the difference in variance becomes more noticeable.

The following conclusions can be drawn:

While previous estimators of average frequency resulted from estimates of the power spectral density, a new, simpler estimator can be derived from estimates of autocorrelation and cross-correlation functions.

In each estimator considered, the autocorrelation and cross-correlation functions at each point exclusive of the output are expressible in terms of these same functions at the input. For the proposed estimator and a previous estimator, the bias and variance can be expressed, approximately, in terms of the input autocorrelation function. For the two estimators, corresponding expressions contain many similar terms.

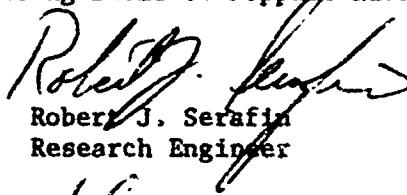
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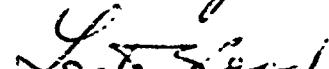
The proposed estimator, while simpler and easier to construct than previous ones, has about the same variance as the others under typical operating conditions, and should, therefore, find use in radar meteorology.

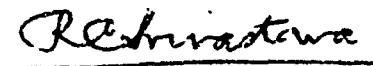
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The work presented here provides further insight to the mean frequency estimation problem, a problem fundamental to radar meteorology and one which has assumed increased importance due to recent advances in real time multigate digital processing. Herro's work adds to our understanding of the operation of such devices and as such is a valuable contribution to the rapidly advancing field of Doppler Radar Meteorology.

  
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## Definition

Symbol	Definition	Symbol	Definition
a	lower frequency limit of flat input spectrum	i, j	indices of a double summation
a,b	two general, linear, time-invariant networks	J	$\sqrt{-1}$
A-W	determining different points on the various estimators (see Figs. 4-5)	J	Jacobian determinant
$A_1 - A_4$	areas	k	designation: a particular member of an ensemble
A.E.F.	Average Extraction Filter	k	index of a power series
b	upper frequency limit of flat input spectrum	lim	limit
B	bandwidth of the low-pass filters	L.O.	Local Oscillator
Buf.	buffer	L.P.F.	Low Pass Filter
$C_1 - C_3$	capacitors	msec	millisecond
D	denominator voltage in millivolts	N	numerator voltage in millivolts
db	decibels	OSC.	oscillator
deg	degrees	p	probability density function
div.	division	P	power of the input waveform
D.V.M.	digital voltmeter	$R_1 - R_J$	resistors
E[ ]	expected value of the quantity in brackets	$R_{x1 x2}(\cdot)$	if subscripts are identical, ensemble autocorrelation function; otherwise, ensemble cross-correlation function
f	frequency	$r_{x1 x2}(\cdot)$	if subscripts are identical, time autocorrelation function; otherwise, time cross-correlation function
$\bar{f}$	average frequency	r( $\tau$ )	error in the estimate of $R(\tau)$
FFT	Fast Fourier Transform	$S(f)$ , $S(\omega)$	power spectral density
$f_{LO}$	frequency of the local oscillator	sec	second
$h(t)$	impulse response of a linear, time-invariant network	S/N	signal-to-noise (ratio)
H(j $\omega$ )	transfer function of a linear, time-invariant network	x	x
$H_2$	Hertz, cycles per second		

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Symbol	Definition	Symbol	Definition
$t$	time	$\bullet$	phase
$\tau$	length of time-limited sample of the random process	$\tau$	argument of autocorrelation functions and cross-correlation functions, dummy argument of integration
$\Im$			radian frequency
$v(t)$	voltage as a function of time	$\hat{v}$	estimate of a quantity
$v_1 - v_4$	divider input voltages at particular times	$(\cdot)$	derivative of a function
$v_{Br}(t)$	voltage at the output of Ciciora's filter due to a time-limited input	$(\cdot)$	second derivative of a function
$V_T(2\pi f)$	Fourier transform of a time-limited input	$(\cdot)$	Hilbert transform of a function
$W(\omega)$	$= 1$ for $\omega < 0$ ; $= -1$ for $\omega > 0$	$(\cdot)$	derivative of the Hilbert transform of a function
$x(t)$	any general function of time	$(\cdot)$	Hilbert transform of the second derivative of a function
$x_a, x_b$	inputs of general, linear, time-invariant networks $a$ and $b$ , respectively	$\equiv$	is equal to by definition
$x_1 - x_4$	four general, gaussian random variables	$\approx$	is approximately equal to
$x$	designating a point on Fig. 7	$\tau$	between two symbols, convolved with as a superscript, complex conjugate approaches
$y_a, y_b$	outputs of general, linear, time-invariant networks $a$ and $b$ , respectively	*	covariance matrix
$y_1 - y_4$	random variables resulting from a fourth-order transformation of random variables $v_1$ through $v_4$	$A$	determinant of the covariance matrix
$z(t)$	analytic signal associated with $x(t)$	$ A $	$(i-j)$ th cofactor, or signed minor, of the covariance matrix
$\alpha, \beta$	the two outputs of the quadrature detector such that, for real input, $\beta = \chi$		
$\delta$	Dirac delta function, unit impulse		

CHAPTER I  
INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this work is to develop a means of estimating, in real time, the average frequency of a random process. If  $S(f)$  is the power spectral density of the process, the average frequency is defined by

$$f_{\text{av}} = \frac{\int f s(f) df}{\int s(f) df} \quad (1.1)$$

It is assumed that only a time-limited sample of the process is available. If it were available for all time, the average frequency could be known to any desired degree of accuracy and would not have to be estimated.

Motivation for this study is found in the following radar meteorology. Falling rain is observed with Doppler radars. Because of air resistance, the local radar velocity, of each raindrop is a direct function of its size. Since the doppler shift in the reflection from each raindrop is directly proportional to its velocity, the size of a raindrop can be calculated from this shift.

In a rainstorm, reflections are received from many raindrops falling at different velocities, and thus the aggregate reflection from all these particles is a random process.

Knowledge of the average frequency of this process gives the meteorologist useful information about the sizes of the

raindrops present. In general, only a limited time (typically one or two seconds) is available for each observation. At the end of this time, an estimate of the average frequency is desired.

A review of the literature on this subject appears in Chapter II. It is found that several estimators already exist. Of particular interest are those of Ciciora<sup>2+</sup> and Denenberg<sup>5</sup>, because they provide real-time estimates of average frequency. This work introduces a new approach to the problem, leading to a proposed real-time estimator which is simpler than the previous ones.

In order to construct any of the devices to be considered here, the builder should know the signal bandwidth and dynamic range at each point in the system. This will enable him to specify suitable components for their construction.

Therefore, a probabilistic analysis is performed on each of the estimators being considered, including the proposed one. Expressions for the autocorrelation function and power spectral density are obtained for every point in each system, up to but not including the output. Since the output in each system is obtained from a divider (compare equation (1.1)), no expression could be obtained for the autocorrelation function and power spectral density at that point.

Probabilistic analysis of the output divider was attempted. While the divider itself can be analyzed completely, a difficulty arises in trying to apply the analysis

<sup>2+</sup>For all numbered references, see Bibliography.

to the devices under consideration. Therefore another device, similar to the proposed estimator, is introduced. It is designed specifically to enable the divider analysis to be applied. Although this "similar" device can be analyzed completely, no claim is made that it is equivalent to the proposed one. It is introduced solely to show how the divider analysis might be applied to a complete system.

For the case of a long observation time, it is found that a power series approximation to division can be made. By this method, approximate expressions are obtained for the

bias and variance of the proposed estimator. For comparison, similar expressions are derived for Denenberg's estimator.

Since it is desired to compare the performance of the proposed estimator with that of the older, more complex devices, a laboratory model of the proposed device was constructed. Photographs of the waveforms at each point in the system are displayed. The new device is tested under several sets of typical operating conditions, and the variance of the estimate is compared with that of the other estimators.

## CHAPTER III

### REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

Classical methods of estimating  $\bar{T}$  involve estimating  $S(f)$  and substituting this in (1.1). Thus

$$\hat{\bar{T}} = \frac{\int f \hat{S}(f) df}{\int \hat{S}(f) df} \quad (2.1)$$

where the caret ( $\hat{\cdot}$ ) over a quantity denotes an estimate of that quantity. In one such method, the received signal is processed by an analog-to-digital converter, after which a digital computer uses the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm to estimate  $\hat{S}(f)$ . After  $\hat{S}(f)$  is obtained from the F.T.  $\hat{F}$ ,  $\hat{\bar{T}}$  is computed from (2.1).

A second method<sup>12</sup> is similar to the above in that it estimates  $S(f)$  first and then calculates  $\hat{\bar{T}}$ . In this method, a bank of one hundred extremely selective filters is used to obtain  $\hat{S}(f)$ , the bandwidth of each filter being about 3 Hz. Again,  $\hat{\bar{T}}$  is computed directly from (2.1).

Dennenberg<sup>5</sup> takes a somewhat different approach. He developed an estimator for  $\bar{T}$  which does not first estimate  $S(f)$ . In (2.1) above, Dennenberg substitutes for  $\hat{S}(f)$  a mathematical estimator called the periodogram. For the case of a sample time-limited sample of a real random process, the periodogram is as follows:

$$\hat{S}(f) = \frac{1}{T} |V_1(2\pi f)|^2 \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$V_T(2\pi f) = \int_0^T v_A(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt \quad (2.3)$$

and  $v_A(t)$  is a particular sample function of the real random process and  $T$  is the observation time.

The right-hand side of (2.3) above is the Fourier transform of the time-limited version of  $v_A(t)$ . The periodogram  $\hat{S}(f)$  is the power spectral density of this time-limited signal.

Using this estimate for  $S(f)$ , Dennenberg shows that

(2.1) is equivalent to

$$2 \hat{\bar{T}} = \frac{\int (\omega - \phi_i) dt}{\int (\omega^2 + \nu^2) dt} \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\omega(t) + j\phi(t)$  is the complex envelope of the random process. The functions  $\omega(t)$  and  $\phi(t)$  are obtained from quadrature detection of the received signal. The dot represents differentiation with respect to time. A block diagram of Dennenberg's estimator is shown in Fig. 1.

Dennenberg derived expressions for the variance of this estimator, which will be discussed in Chapter VI.

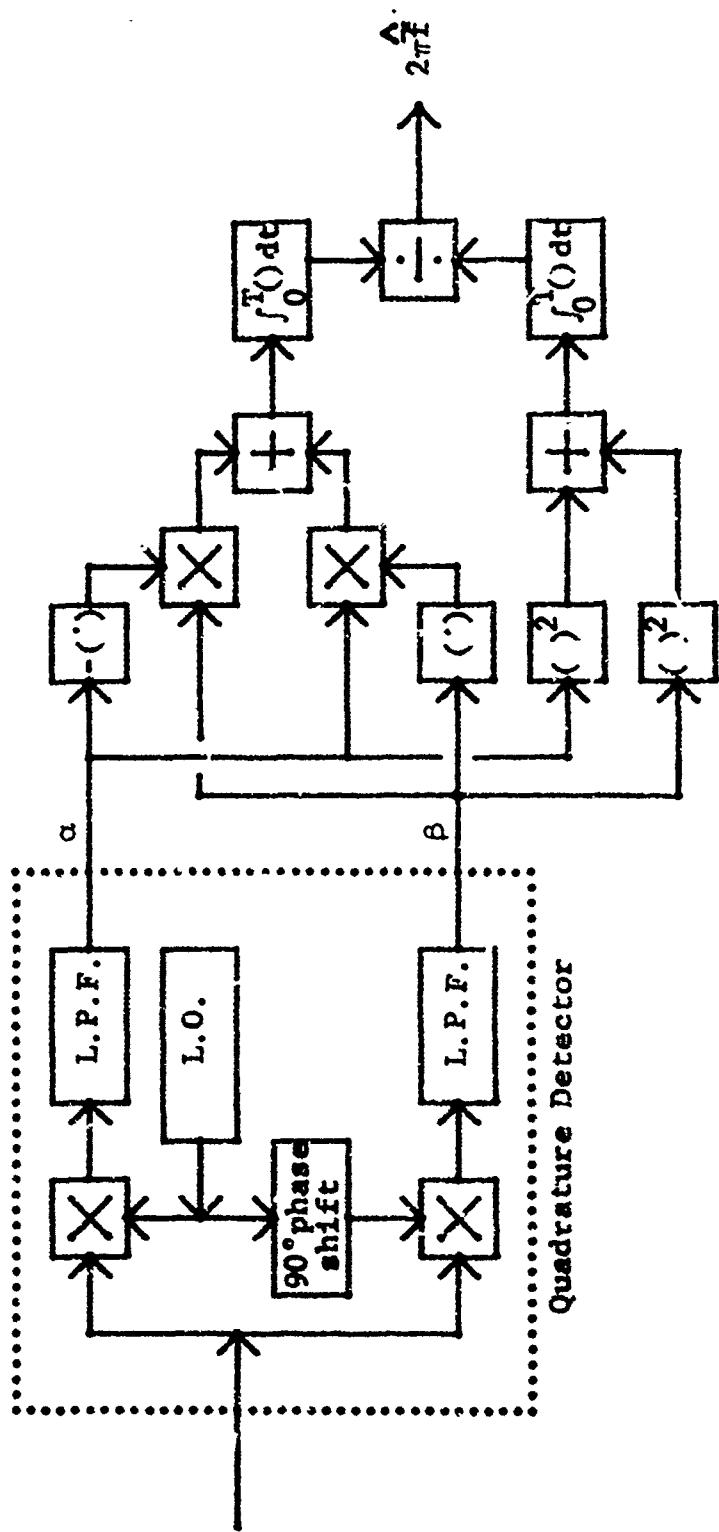


Fig. 1. Block Diagram of Denenberg's Estimator

Bello<sup>1</sup> proposes an estimator similar to Denenberg's<sup>4</sup>, for the case of a rectangular window function. Bello's and Denenberg's estimators are identical.<sup>6</sup>

Miller and Rochwarger<sup>9</sup> investigate the problem of estimating  $\bar{T}$  in the presence of additive, Gaussian, colored noise. They derive expressions for the variance of the estimate. Since radar returns from rainstorms normally have excellent signal-to-noise ratios, noise in the received signal is not considered in this work.

Ciciora<sup>2</sup> takes a slightly different approach. Instead of multiplying  $\hat{S}(f)$  by  $f$  as in (2.1), Ciciora passes the received signal through a filter which weights the signal with respect to frequency. For a single-frequency input, the amplitude of the output signal is proportional to the square root of the frequency. That is, the output power is proportional to the input frequency. The filter is a specialized version of the frequency discriminator commonly found in F.M. receivers. For simplicity, it can be assumed that

$$|H(j_0)|^2 = 1_{\pi} \quad (2.5)$$

over the frequency range of interest, where  $H(j_0)$  is the transfer function of the filter.

The spectrum at the output of the filter is then  $fS(f)$ , where  $S(f)$  is the spectrum of the input process. If only a time-limited version of the random process is available, then the spectrum at the filter input is an approximation to  $S(f)$ . The spectrum at the output is therefore an

approximation to  $fS(f)$ , here called  $\hat{f}S(f)$ . Ciciora assumes the input normalized to unity power, and his estimate is

$$\hat{T} = \int_0^T \hat{f}S(f) df = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi T} \int_0^T |v_{BT}(t)|^2 dt \quad (2.6)$$

where  $v_{BT}$  is the output of the specialized filter resulting from a time-limited input. After squaring,  $v_{BT}(t)$  is passed through an Average-Extraction Filter (A.E.F.), which ideally is equivalent to averaging in time from zero to infinity, as shown in (2.6) above. In practice, of course, the A.E.F. has non-zero bandwidth.

Ciciora assumes the input normalized to unity power, and his device does not contain a divider. Instead of normalizing the input to unity power, however, one can divide the output of the A.E.F. by a local estimate of the input power. Although this necessitates using components of larger dynamic range throughout the system, it will be shown in Chapter IV that this division greatly reduces the variance of the estimate. Since the power in the time-limited input

$$v_A(t) \text{ is } \int_0^T v_A^2(t) dt,$$

Ciciora's estimator becomes

$$2-\hat{\rho} = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} (v_{BT}(t))^2 dt}{\int_0^{\infty} (v_A^2(t)) dt} \quad (2.7)$$

when the divider is appended. For real-time estimates, of course, the upper limit of the numerator integral must be reduced. The effect of this reduction is discussed in Chapter IV.

A block diagram of Ciciora's device is shown in Fig. 2. In implementing this estimator, the chief difficulty is the construction of a filter for which  $|H(j\omega)|^2$  approximates  $|\omega|$  over the frequency range of interest. Ciciora makes the necessary frequency range narrow by means of a frequency-tracking loop which heterodynes the input signal into the range over which the approximation to  $|\omega|$  is good, but this introduces additional complexity.

In summary, classical methods of estimating average frequency involve estimating  $S(f)$  and then obtaining  $\hat{f}$  from (2.1). Ciciora obtains an estimate of  $rS(f)$  by means of a specialized filter: Denenberg derives an estimator (2.4) in terms of the two outputs of a quadrature detector,  $n$  and  $p$ .

In Chapter III, a new estimator will be introduced, and in Chapter IV, the different estimators will be compared.

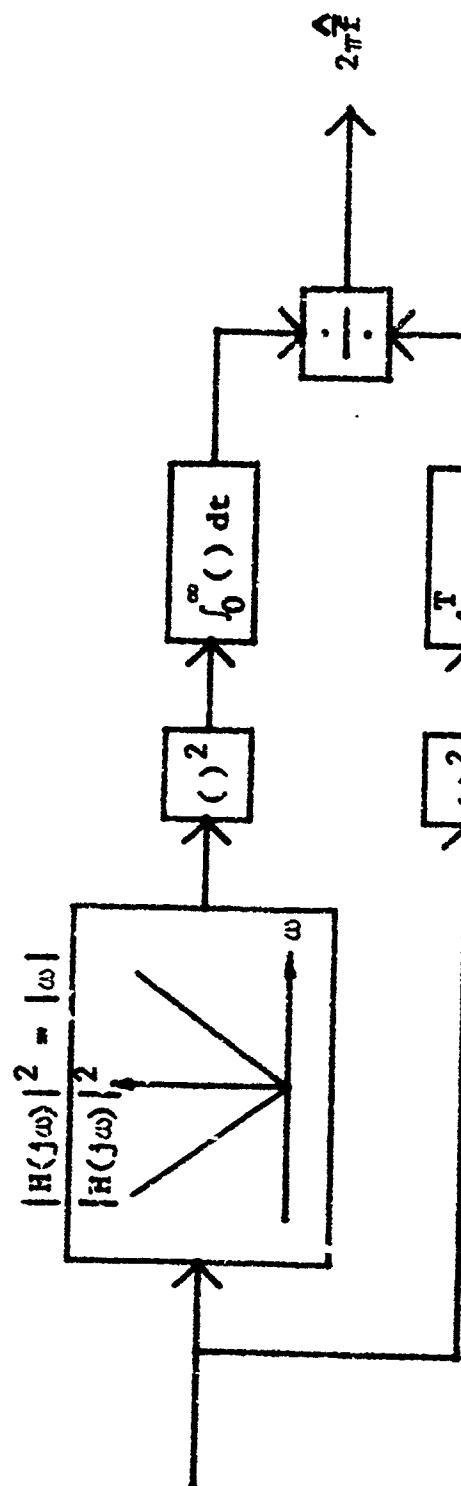


Fig. 2. Block Diagram of Ciciora's Estimator, with Divider

CHAPTER III  
PROPOSED NEW ESTIMATOR

In the previous chapter, it was pointed out that there are many different ways to estimate  $T$ . This is true because there are many different expressions for  $T$ , all equivalent to

$$T = \frac{\int S(f) df}{\int s(f) df} \quad (3.1)$$

$$\hat{T} = \frac{\int f S(f) df}{\int S(f) df} \quad (3.2)$$

and each expression gives rise to a different estimator.

In this chapter, it will be shown how different expressions for  $T$  lead to the different estimators already mentioned. In addition, a proposed estimator will be obtained from a new expression for  $T$ . In the subsequent chapters, these different estimators will be analyzed and their relative merits considered.

The different expressions for  $T$  and  $\hat{T}$  are shown systematically in FIG. 3. It will be shown in this chapter that all the expressions for  $T$  are equivalent to each other. Therefore, the corresponding estimates for  $T$  all approach each other as the integrating time  $T$  approaches infinity.

Of course, the relative merits of the different estimator under finite time is of primary concern.

First, the expressions on the frequency-domain side of FIG. 3 will be derived.

In equation (3.1), the definition for  $T$ , substituting an estimate for  $S(f)$  results in an estimate of  $T$  as shown in FIG. 3, expression B.

"

$$\hat{T} = \frac{\int f \hat{S}(f) df}{\int \hat{S}(f) df} \quad (3.2)$$

As pointed out in the previous chapter, if the periodogram estimate is used for  $S(f)$ , Denehberg's expression C is obtained.

$$\hat{T} = \frac{\int (af^2 + bf) dt}{\int (a + f^2) dt} \quad (3.3)$$

If in the definition for  $T$ ,  $fS(f)$  is called  $S_{HB}(f)$ , expression D is obtained.

$$\hat{T} = \frac{\int S_{HB}(f) df}{\int S(f) df} \quad (3.4)$$

$S_{HB}(f)$  denotes a frequency-weighted spectrum, which Ciciora obtains by means of a specialized filter. If  $v_B(t)$  is the time-domain signal corresponding to  $S_{HB}(f)$ , then, by Parseval's theorem,

Frequency DomainTime Domain

A.  $\bar{Y} = \frac{\int_0^T f S(f) df}{\int_0^T S(f) df}$  (Definition)

B.  $\hat{Y} = \frac{\int_0^T f \hat{S}(f) df}{\int_0^T \hat{S}(f) df}$

C.  $\hat{Y} = \frac{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T (f \hat{s} - \bar{f}) df}{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T (f^2 + \bar{f}^2) df}$

If  $\hat{S}(f)$  is the periodogram (Denenberg).

D.  $\bar{Y} = \frac{\int_0^T S_{RR}(t) dt}{\int_0^T S(t) dt}$

where  $S_{RR}(t) = t S(t)$ .

E.  $\hat{Y} = \frac{\int_0^T S_{RR}(t) dt}{\int_0^T \hat{S}(t) dt}$

F.  $\hat{Y} = \frac{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T v_{RT}^2(t) dt}{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T v_A^2(t) dt}$

where  $v_{RT}(t)$  is the fir window-weighted internal filter response.

G.  $\bar{Y} = \frac{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T \hat{R}_{AA}(f) df}{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T \hat{R}_{XX}(f) df}$

H.  $\hat{Y} = \frac{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T \hat{R}_{AA}(f) df}{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T \hat{R}_{XX}(f) df}$

(equivalent to Denenberg's estimator).

I.  $\bar{Y} = \frac{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T \hat{R}_{AA}(f) df}{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T R_{AA}(f) df}$

K.  $\hat{Y} = \frac{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T \hat{R}_{AA}(f) df}{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T R_{AA}(f) df}$

L.  $\hat{Y} = \frac{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T R_{AA}(f) df}{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T \hat{R}_{XX}(f) df}$

M.  $\hat{Y} = \frac{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T R_{AA}(f) df}{\frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^T R_{XX}(f) df}$

(proposed estimator).

Fig. 3. Different Expressions for  $\bar{Y}$  and  $\hat{Y}$

$$\int_0^{\infty} S_{BB}(f) df = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |v_B(t)|^2 dt$$

Equation 3.4 is then equivalent to

$$2\pi^2 = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} v_A^2(t) dt}{\int_0^{\infty} v_A^2(t) dt}$$

If only a time-limited version of  $v_A(t)$  is available, the denominator becomes

$$\int_0^T v_A^2(t) dt$$

The result of passing this time-limited signal through Ciciora's filter is here called  $v_{BT}(t)$ . In general,  $v_{BT}(t)$  need not be time-limited. Equation (3.6) then becomes expression 7 in Fig. 3.

$$2\pi^2 = \frac{\int_0^T v_{BT}^2(t) dt}{\int_0^T v_A^2(t) dt} \quad (3.7)$$

By Parseval's Theorem, this would obviously be equivalent to (3.4) if  $T$  were infinite. Since  $T$  is finite, (3.7) is instead equivalent to E.

$$(3.5)$$

$$(3.6)$$

$$\hat{f} = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} S_{BB}(f) df}{\int_0^{\infty} \hat{S}(f) df} \quad (3.8)$$

All of the expressions on the frequency-dc side of Fig. 3 have now been derived. In order to derive the time-domain expressions, it is necessary to digress briefly to introduce the Hilbert Transform.

A discussion of the Hilbert Transform and analytic signal appears in Appendix A. Let  $v_A(t)$  be the Hilbert Transform of  $v_A(t)$ , and let  $z(t) = v_A(t) + jv_A(t)$  be the analytic signal associated with  $v_A(t)$ . If  $S_{ZZ}(f)$  is the power spectral density of  $z(t)$ , then  $S_{ZZ}(f) = 0$  when  $f < 0$  and  $S_{ZZ}(f) = 4S(f)$  when  $f > 0$ . (See Appendix A.) Therefore

$$T = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} f S_{ZZ}(f) df}{\int_0^{\infty} S_{ZZ}(f) df} \quad (3.9)$$

That is, the limits of integration in (3.1) can be changed to the entire two-sided frequency domain if  $S(f)$  is replaced with  $S_{ZZ}(f)$ . This change in the limits of integration will make possible the derivation of the time-domain expressions. The autocorrelation function of the analytic signal of  $v_A(t)$  can be written in terms of  $S_{ZZ}(f)$  by

$$R_{ZZ}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{ZZ}(f) e^{j\omega f \tau} df$$

Substituting  $\tau = 0$  gives

$$R_{ZZ}(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{ZZ}(f) df.$$

Differentiating (3.10) with respect to  $\tau$  and substituting  $\tau = 2\pi f$  gives

$$\dot{R}_{ZZ}(\tau) = j2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f S_{ZZ}(f) e^{j\omega f \tau} df.$$

Substituting  $\tau = 0$  and multiplying by  $-j/2\pi$  gives

$$\frac{-j}{2\pi} \dot{R}_{ZZ}(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f S_{ZZ}(f) df.$$

Comparing (3.9) with (3.11) and (3.13) gives

$$\gamma = \frac{-j}{2\pi} \frac{\dot{R}_{ZZ}(0)}{R_{ZZ}(0)}.$$

By definition of the autocorrelation function of a complex process

$$R_{ZZ}(\tau) = E[z(t)z^*(t+\tau)]$$

where the asterisk (\*) denotes the complex conjugate. Hence

$$R_{ZZ}(\tau) = E[v_A(t) + jv_A^*(t)] \cdot [v_A(t+\tau) - jv_A^*(t+\tau)].$$

Carrying out the multiplication and making use of the distributive property of the expected value of a sum gives

$$R_{ZZ}(\tau) = E[v_A(t)v_A(t+\tau)] + E[v_A^*(t)v_A^*(t+\tau)]$$

$$+ jE[v_A(t)v_A^*(t+\tau)] - j[v_A(t)v_A^*(t+\tau)]$$

or

$$R_{ZZ}(\tau) = R_{AA}(\tau) + R_{XX}(\tau) + jR_{AX}(\tau) - jR_{XA}(\tau). \quad (3.18)$$

It can be shown<sup>9</sup> that the last two terms in the right-hand side are zero for  $\tau = 0$ . Therefore

$$R_{ZZ}(0) = R_{AA}(0) + R_{XX}(0).$$

It can also be shown<sup>9</sup> that

$$\dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) = -R_{AA}'(\tau)$$

and

$$\dot{R}_{XX}(\tau) = -R_{XX}'(\tau).$$

Therefore, differentiating (3.18) with respect to  $\tau$  gives

$$\dot{R}_{ZZ}(\tau) = \dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) + \dot{R}_{XX}(\tau) + jR_{AX}'(\tau) + jR_{XA}'(\tau).$$

Since the autocorrelation function of a real random process is an even, differentiable function of  $\tau$ ,

$$\dot{R}_{AA}(0) = \dot{R}_{XX}(0) = 0.$$

Therefore, substituting  $\tau = 0$  in (3.22) and multiplying by  $-j$  gives

$$-jR_{ZZ}(0) = R_{AA}'(0) - R_{XX}'(0).$$

Comparing (3.14) with (3.19) and (3.24) gives expression G in Fig. 3.

$$\gamma \sim \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{R_{AA}(0) - R_{AA}^*(0)}{R_{AA}(0) + R_{AA}^*(0)} \quad (3.27)$$

Under the ergodic assumption, the ensemble autocorrelation function is equal to the time autocorrelation function, and

$$2\gamma^2 = \frac{R_{AA}(0) - R_{AA}^*(0)}{R_{AA}(0) + R_{AA}^*(0)} \quad (3.28)$$

or, from the definition of  $\hat{\gamma}$ ,

$$2\pi\gamma^2 = \frac{\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T (v_A(t)v_A^*(t) - \bar{v}_A(t)\bar{v}_A^*(t)) dt}{\int_{-T}^T |v_A(t)|^2 + |\bar{v}_A(t)|^2 dt} \quad (3.29)$$

If  $v_A(t)$  is available only for  $0 < t \leq T$ , then  $\bar{v}_A(t)$  is available for the same time period. Suppose that  $v_A(t)$  were also available for  $0 < t < T$ . Then a possible estimate for  $\gamma$  can be given by

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\int_0^T (v_A(t)v_A^*(t) - \bar{v}_A(t)\bar{v}_A^*(t)) dt}{\int_0^T |v_A(t)|^2 + |\bar{v}_A(t)|^2 dt} \quad (3.30)$$

If an entire ensemble of sample functions were available, then (3.28) would be equal to (3.25). Since only one sample function is available, the autocorrelation functions and cross-correlation functions in (3.25) are only approximated. Therefore (3.28) above is equivalent to expression H in Fig. 3:

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{R_{AA}(0) - R_{AA}^*(0)}{R_{AA}(0) + R_{AA}^*(0)} \quad (3.29)$$

When a quadrature detector is applied to the received signal, the two detector outputs differ by a constant ninety degrees. Hence for real input signals, one output is the Hilbert Transform of the other. If the two outputs are labeled  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\beta$  is the Hilbert Transform of  $\alpha$ , then (3.29) can be rewritten in terms of the detector outputs by substituting  $\alpha$  for  $v_A(t)$  and  $\beta$  for  $\bar{v}_A(t)$ . Then

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\int_0^T (\alpha\beta - \beta\alpha) dt}{\int_0^T (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) dt} \quad (3.30)$$

This is Denenberg's estimator C. Denenberg derived his estimator from frequency-domain expression B; it is now seen that his estimator is also derivable from time-domain expression G. This new approach will presently lead to a different estimator.

It can be easily shown<sup>8</sup> that

$$R_{ZZ}(\tau) = 2[R_{AA}(\tau) + jR_{VA}(\tau)] \quad (3.31)$$

Substituting  $\tau = 0$  gives

$$R_{ZZ}(0) = 2[R_{AA}(0) + jR_{VA}(0)]. \quad (3.32)$$

Since<sup>9</sup>  $R_{VA}(0) = 0$ ,

$$R_{ZZ}(0) = 2R_{AA}(0) = 2R_{VV}(0). \quad (3.33)$$

This result states that the power in the analytic signal is twice that of the process from which the analytic signal is constructed. This is obvious from the definition of the analytic signal,  $z(t) = v_A(t) + jv_K(t)$ , as well as from the result (A.11) in Appendix A.

Differentiating (3.31) with respect to  $\tau$  and using (3.20) gives

$$\dot{R}_{ZZ}(\tau) = 2[R_{AA}(\tau) - jR_{AK}(\tau)]. \quad (3.34)$$

Substituting  $\tau = 0$  and using (3.23) gives

$$\dot{R}_{ZZ}(0) = -j2R_{AK}(0). \quad (3.35)$$

Comparing (3.14) with (3.33) and (3.35) gives expression L.

$$L = \frac{j2R_{AK}(0)}{2\pi R_{XX}(0)} = \frac{-R_{KA}(0)}{2\pi R_{XX}(0)}. \quad (3.36)$$

A derivation exactly parallel with that just given above results in expression J.

$$J = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{R_{KA}'(0)}{R_{AA}(0)}. \quad (3.37)$$

Equations (3.36) and (3.37) lead to the obvious estimators M and K respectively.

$$M = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \frac{\dot{R}_{AK}(0)}{R_{XX}(0)} = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \frac{0}{\int_{-T}^T \alpha^2 dt}, \quad (3.38)$$

In order to answer this question, a probabilistic analysis of all the estimators of Fig. 3 is attempted.

and

$$\hat{P} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\dot{R}_{AK}(0)}{R_{AA}(0)} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{0}{\int_{-T}^T \alpha^2 dt}. \quad (3.39)$$

It is obvious that (3.36) and (3.37) each contain half the terms of Benzenberg's estimator (3.30). If, in expression (3.30), T is allowed to approach infinity, the two parts of the numerator are equal and the two parts of the denominator are equal. That is, the power in  $\alpha$ , which is

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \alpha^2 dt,$$

equals the power in  $\beta$ , and the average value of  $\alpha\beta$  equals that of  $-\beta\alpha$ . Thus (3.38) and (3.39) are equivalent to (3.30) for infinite T. The question arises whether the simpler expressions are equivalent to (3.30) for finite T. Testing a simple example such as a sine-wave random process having sample functions given by  $v_A^k(t) = \sin(\omega t + \phi_k)$ , where  $\epsilon$  is uniformly distributed over the interval from zero to  $2\pi$ , reveals that the answer is negative. This leads to the question of whether, under finite T, the simpler expressions (3.38) and (3.39) are as good as Benzenberg's estimator (3.30).

#### CHAPTER IV PARTIAL PROBABILISTIC ANALYSIS

In this chapter, the different estimators are statistically analyzed as much as possible for two reasons. First, it is desired to compare the estimators in order to learn which one has the best signal-to-noise ratio, and how much the devices differ in this regard. Second, in order to build any of the devices, it is desirable to know the bandwidth and dynamic range of the signal at each point in the system. This enables the builder to specify suitable components for construction.

A block diagram of Ciciora's estimator with a divider (equation (2.7)), is shown in Fig. 4. Each point in the system has been labeled with a capital letter for reference. For generality, the integrators have been shown as low-pass filters. This point will be discussed in detail later. For analytic simplicity, the specialized filter is assumed to obey  $|H(j\omega)|^2 = |\omega|$  over the entire frequency domain.

Denesberg's estimator (2.4) is shown in Fig. 5.

Although the diagram shows signal H derived from signal A by means of a Hilbert Transform network, in practice, signals A and H are simultaneously obtained by quadrature detection of the received signal. However, for real received signals, one quadrature detector output is the Hilbert transform of the other, there being a constant ninety-degree phase difference between the two outputs. Therefore, the Hilbert transform network shown is equivalent to the quadrature detector

used. As in Fig. 4, the integrators are shown as low-pass filters.

The estimators (3.38) and (3.39) have the same structure, since substituting  $\alpha = \chi$  for  $\alpha$  in (3.38), results in (3.39), and  $\beta$  has the same power spectral density as  $\alpha$ . Arbitrarily, (3.38) is chosen as the proposed estimator, and a block diagram is shown in Fig. 6. As in Fig. 5, a Hilbert transform network is shown in place of the quadrature detector, and the integrators are shown as low-pass filters.

Expressions will now be obtained for the autocorrelation function and power spectral density at every point in each system up to the output divider. The divider will be discussed in the next chapter.

Consider Fig. 4. Let  $R_{AA}(\tau)$  be the autocorrelation function of the input process, and  $S_{AA}(f)$  be its power spectral density. Then

$$R_{AA}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{AA}(f) e^{j\omega\tau} df. \quad (4.1)$$

The power spectral density at the output of Ciciora's specialized filter is given in terms of the input spectrum by

$$S_{BB}(f) = |\omega| S_{AA}(f). \quad (4.2)$$

Hence,

$$R_{BB}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\omega| S_{AA}(f) e^{-j\omega\tau} df. \quad (4.3)$$

It is desired to find  $R_{BB}(\tau)$  in terms of  $R_{AA}(\tau)$ .

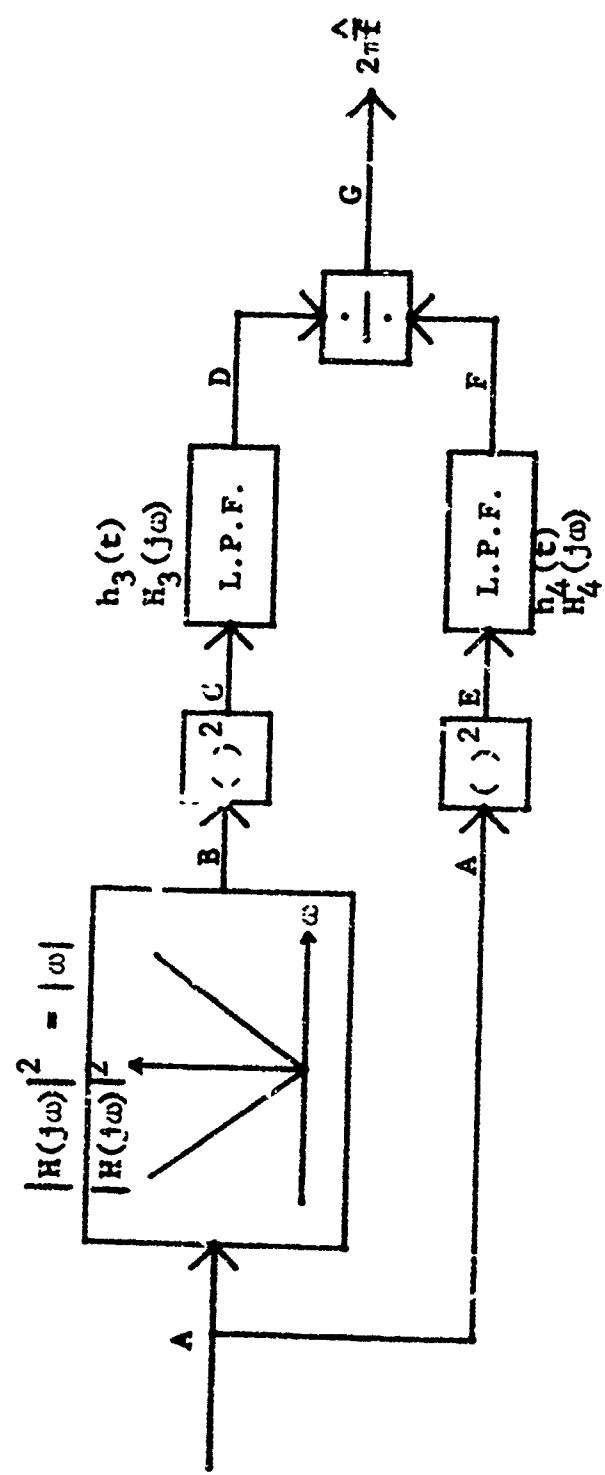


Fig. 4. Ciciora's Estimator with Divider

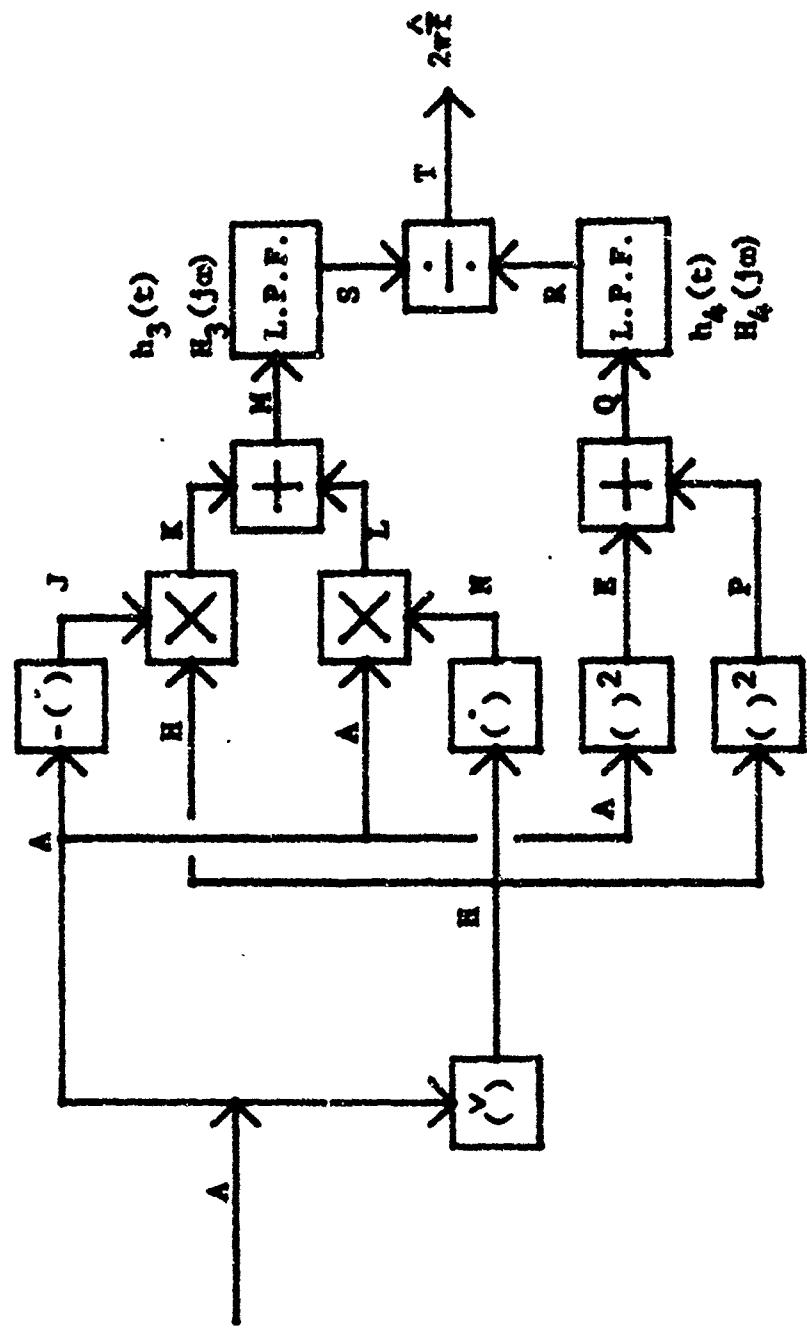


Fig. 5. Denenberg's Estimator

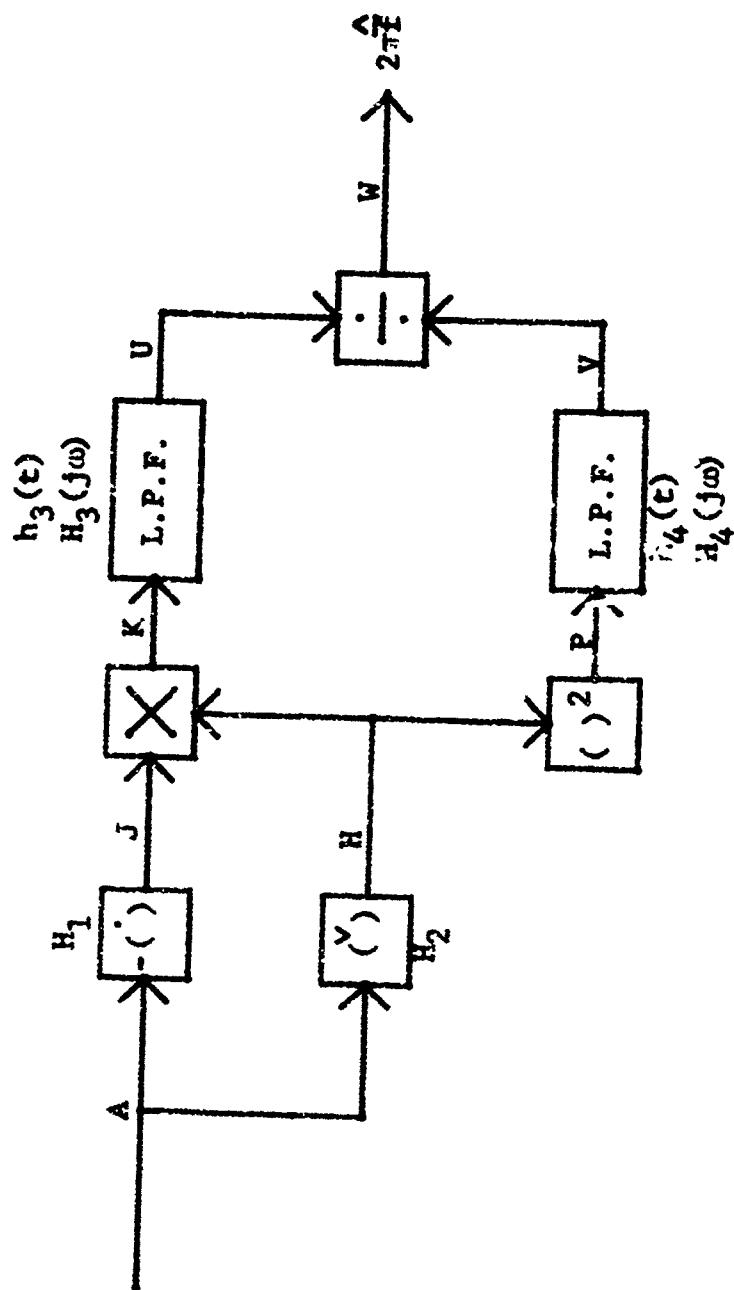


Fig. 6. Proposed Estimator

Differentiating (4.1) with respect to  $\tau$  gives

$$\dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) = j \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} \omega S_{AA}(f) e^{j\omega f} df . \quad (4.4)$$

Writing this expression as the sum of two integrals gives

$$\dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) = j \int_0^{\infty} \omega S_{AA}(f) e^{j\omega f} df + j \int_0^{\infty} \omega S_{AA}(f) e^{-j\omega f} df . \quad (4.5)$$

In Appendix A, it is shown that the Hilbert Transform multiplies by  $j$  in the negative frequency domain and by  $-j$  in the positive frequency domain. Taking the Hilbert Transform of (4.5) therefore gives

$$\dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} \omega S_{AA}(f) e^{j\omega f} df + \int_0^{\infty} \omega S_{AA}(f) e^{j\omega f} df . \quad (4.6)$$

or

$$\dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} \omega |S_{AA}(f)| e^{j\omega f} df . \quad (4.7)$$

Comparing (4.3) with (4.7) gives

$$R_{BB}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} R_{AA}(\tau) . \quad (4.8)$$

Thus, the autocorrelation function at point B in the system is the Hilbert transform of the derivative of the input autocorrelation function. The spectrum at that point is given by (4.2).

If the input is a real, Gaussian random process of zero mean, then so is the signal at B, since the specialized filter is a linear, time-invariant network. In this case, it can be shown<sup>3</sup> that the following equation holds for the

squares B-C:

$$R_{CC}(\tau) = R_{BB}^2(0) + 2R_{BB}^2(\tau) \quad (4.9)$$

and, similarly, for the squares A-E,

$$R_{EE}(\tau) = R_{AA}^2(0) + 2R_{AA}^2(\tau) . \quad (4.10)$$

Substituting (4.8) in (4.9) gives

$$R_{CC}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} R_{AA}^2(0) + 2R_{AA}^2(\tau) . \quad (4.11)$$

The first term in the right-hand side is a constant. The above expression can, therefore, be rewritten in terms of the power spectral density if (4.7) is used:

$$S_{CC}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} R_{AA}^2(0) \delta(\omega) + 2 \left( |\omega| S_{AA}(\omega) \right) * \left( |\omega| S_{AA}(\omega) \right) \quad (4.12)$$

where  $(\omega)$  is the Dirac delta function, or unit impulse, and the asterisk (\*) represents convolution.

Similarly, (4.10) can be rewritten as

$$S_{EE}(\omega) = 2\pi R_{AA}^2(0) \delta(\omega) + 2 S_{AA}(\omega) * S_{AA}(\omega) . \quad (4.13)$$

If C-D and E-F are "integrate-and-dump" devices, then the "signals" at D and F consist of single numbers rather than time-varying voltages. If, however, C-D and E-F are considered to be low-pass filters, as shown in FIG. 4, then expressions can be obtained for the autocorrelation function and power spectral density at D and F.

If  $H_3(j\omega)$  is the transfer function of low-pass filter C-D, then

$$S_{DD}(\omega) = \left| H_3(j\omega) \right|^2 S_{CC}(\omega) \quad (4.14)$$

and

$$R_{DD}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{DD}(\omega) e^{j\omega\tau} d\omega$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_j(t_1) h_j(t_2) R_{CC}(t_2 + \tau - t_1) dt_1 dt_2 . \quad (4.15)$$

Similarly, if  $H_q(j\omega)$  is the transfer function of filter E-P, then

$$S_{PF}(\omega) = |H_q(j\omega)|^2 S_{EE}(\omega) \quad (4.16)$$

and

$$R_{PF}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{EE}(t) e^{j\omega t} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_q(t_1) h_q(t_2) R_{EE}(t_2 + \tau - t_1) dt_1 dt_2 . \quad (4.17)$$

In Denenberg's device, Fig. 5, Hilbert transform network A-H is an all-pass filter with  $|H(j\omega)|^2 = 1$ . Thus,

$$S_{HH}(\omega) = S_{AA}(\omega) . \quad (4.18)$$

Therefore,

$$R_{HH}(\tau) = R_{AA}(\tau) . \quad (4.19)$$

For the negative differentiator A-J,  $|H(j\omega)|^2 = j\omega^2$ . Thus,

$$S_{JJ}(\omega) = j\omega^2 S_{AA}(\omega) \quad (4.20)$$

and

$$R_{JJ}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} j\omega^2 S_{AA}(\omega) e^{j\omega\tau} d\omega . \quad (4.21)$$

It is desired to find  $R_{IJ}(\tau)$  in terms of  $R_{AA}(\tau)$ . Taking the

derivative of (4.4) with respect to  $\tau$  gives

$$R_{AA}(\tau) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega^2 S_{AA}(\omega) e^{j\omega\tau} d\omega . \quad (4.22)$$

Comparing with (4.21) gives

$$R_{JJ}(\tau) = -R_{AA}(\tau) . \quad (4.23)$$

To find the autocorrelation function at K, assume that the signal at A is a real, gaussian random process of zero mean. Then so are the signals at H and J, because A-K and A-J are linear, time-invariant networks. In this case, the following expression for the product of four random variables can be shown<sup>3</sup> to hold true:

$$\begin{aligned} E[x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4] &= E[x_1 x_2] E[x_3 x_4] + E[x_1 x_3] E[x_2 x_4] \\ &\quad + E[x_1 x_4] E[x_2 x_3] \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

Let  $x_1 = v_J(\tau)$ ,  $x_2 = v_H(\tau)$ ,  $x_3 = v_J(\tau+\tau)$ , and  $x_4 = v_H(\tau+\tau)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 x_2 &= v_J(\tau) v_H(\tau) = v_K(\tau) \\ x_3 x_4 &= v_J(\tau+\tau) v_H(\tau+\tau) = v_K(\tau+\tau) \\ x_1 x_3 &= v_J(\tau) v_J(\tau+\tau) \\ x_2 x_4 &= v_H(\tau) v_H(\tau+\tau) \\ x_1 x_4 &= v_J(\tau) v_H(\tau+\tau) \\ x_2 x_3 &= v_H(\tau) v_J(\tau+\tau) \end{aligned} \quad (4.25)$$

and (4.24) can be rewritten as

$$R_{KK}(\tau) = R_{JH}^2(0) + R_{JJ}(\tau) R_{HH}(\tau) + R_{JH}(\tau) R_{HJ}(\tau) . \quad (4.26)$$

The autocorrelation functions in the right-hand side are known in terms of  $R_{AA}(\tau)$ , but the cross-correlation functions are not yet known. These can be found from the general expressions for the cross-correlation function of the outputs of two linear, time-invariant networks:<sup>11</sup>

$$R_{y_a y_b}(\tau) = R_{x_a x_b}(\tau) * h_a^*(\tau) \quad (4.27)$$

where the x's are the inputs and the y's are the outputs of networks a and b. In this case, the impulse responses of both networks A-J and L-H are real, odd functions of time, and  $h_b^*(-\tau)$  can be replaced with  $-h_b(\tau)$ . In applying (4.27) to FIG. 5, let both  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  be  $v_a$ . If  $y_a = v_j$  and  $y_b = v_H$ , an expression for  $R_{jH}(\tau)$  is obtained. From (4.27)

$$\begin{aligned} R_{jH}(\tau) &= R_{AH}(\tau) * h_1(\tau) = -R_{AH}(\tau) \\ R_{AH}(\tau) &= R_{AA}(\tau) * (-h_2(\tau)) = -R_{AA}(\tau) \end{aligned} \quad (4.28)$$

Thus

$$R_{jH}(\tau) = R_{AA}(\tau) \quad (4.29)$$

If  $y_a = v_{II}$  and  $y_b = v_J$ , an expression for  $R_{IIJ}(\tau)$  is found. From (4.25),

$$\begin{aligned} R_{IIJ}(\tau) &= R_{AJ}(\tau) * h_2(\tau) = R_{AJ}(\tau) \\ R_{AJ}(\tau) &= R_{AA}(\tau) * (-h_1(\tau)) = R_{AA}(\tau) \end{aligned} \quad (4.30)$$

thus

$$R_{IIJ}(\tau) = R_{AA}(\tau) \quad (4.31)$$

Since both differentiation and the Hilbert Transform are linear operators, the right-hand sides of (4.29) and (4.31) are the same.

Substituting (4.19), (4.23), (4.29), and (4.31) in (4.26) gives

$$R_{KK}(\tau) = R_{AA}^2(0) - R_{AA}(\tau) \ddot{R}_{AA}(\tau) + R_{AA}^2(\tau) \quad (4.32)$$

This can be rewritten in terms of power spectral densities if (4.7) and (4.72) are used:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{KK}(\omega) &= 2\pi R_{AA}^2(0) s(\omega) + S_{AA}(\omega) * \left( \omega^2 S_{AA}(\omega) \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \left| \omega \right| S_{AA}(\omega) \right) * \left( \left| \omega \right| S_{AA}(\omega) \right) \quad (4.33) \end{aligned}$$

The signal that is now at K will be obtained at L if the input is replaced with the Hilbert Transform of the input. However, such a replacement would change neither  $R_{AA}(\tau)$  nor  $S_{AA}(\omega)$ , and  $R_{KK}(\tau)$  and  $S_{KK}(\omega)$  have been obtained in terms of these functions. Therefore,

$$R_{LL}(\tau) = R_{KK}(\tau) \quad (4.34)$$

and

$$S_{LL}(\omega) = S_{KK}(\omega) \quad (4.35)$$

Since the spectrum at H is the same as the spectrum at A,

$$S_{NN}(\omega) = S_{JJ}(\omega) \quad (4.36)$$

and

$$R_{NN}(\tau) = R_{JJ}(\tau) \quad (4.37)$$

In order to find the spectrum and autocorrelation function at point M in Fig. 5, consider the diagram in Fig. 7, which shows two means of obtaining  $v_N(t) = \hat{v}_A(t)$ .

In Fig. 5,  $v_N(t)$  can be written

$$v_H(t) = v_A(t)v_A(t) - v_A(t)\hat{v}_A(t). \quad (4.38)$$

In terms of the labels on Fig. 7, this is

$$v_H(t) = v_A(t)v_N(t) - v_H(t)v_X(t). \quad (4.39)$$

At time  $t+\tau$ , this can be written

$$v_H(t+\tau) = v_A(t+\tau)v_N(t+\tau) - v_H(t+\tau)v_X(t+\tau). \quad (4.40)$$

Multiplying (4.39) by (4.40) and taking the expected value gives

$$\begin{aligned} E[v_H(t)v_H(t+\tau)] &= E[v_A(t)v_A(t+\tau)v_N(t)v_N(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad + E[v_H(t)v_N(t+\tau)v_X(t)v_X(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad - E[v_A(t)v_X(t+\tau)v_N(t)v_H(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad - E[v_X(t)v_A(t+\tau)v_H(t)v_X(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad + E[v_H(t)v_N(t+\tau)]E[v_A(t+\tau)v_X(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad - E[v_X(t)v_H(t+\tau)]E[v_A(t+\tau)v_N(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad - E[v_X(t)v_X(t+\tau)]E[v_H(t)v_N(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad + E[v_H(t)v_N(t+\tau)]E[v_A(t+\tau)v_X(t+\tau)]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.41)$$

or, using equation (4.24),

$$\begin{aligned} E[v_H(t)v_H(t+\tau)] &= E[v_A(t)v_A(t+\tau)]E[v_N(t)v_N(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad + E[v_A(t)v_X(t)]E[v_A(t+\tau)v_N(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad + E[v_A(t)v_N(t+\tau)]E[v_A(t+\tau)v_X(t)] \\ &\quad + E[v_H(t)v_H(t+\tau)]E[v_X(t)v_X(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad + E[v_H(t)v_X(t)]E[v_H(t+\tau)v_X(t+\tau)] \\ &\quad - R_{AA}(0)R_{AN}(0) - R_{AX}(0)R_{HN}(0) \\ &\quad - R_{AH}(0)R_{XH}(0) - R_{AX}(0)R_{HN}(0) \\ &\quad - R_{XH}(0)R_{AN}(0) - R_{XH}(0)R_{HA}(0). \end{aligned} \quad (4.42)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} R_{HH}(\tau) &= R_{AA}(\tau)R_{NN}(\tau) + R_{AN}^2(0) + R_{AN}(0)R_{NA}(\tau) \\ &\quad + R_{HH}(\tau)R_{XX}(\tau) + R_{HX}^2(0) + R_{HX}(\tau)R_{NH}(\tau) - R_{AX}(\tau)R_{NH}(\tau) \\ &\quad - R_{AN}(0)R_{XH}(0) - R_{AH}(\tau)R_{NN}(\tau) - R_{XA}(\tau)R_{HN}(0) \\ &\quad - R_{XH}(0)R_{AN}(0) - R_{XH}(\tau)R_{HA}(\tau). \end{aligned} \quad (4.43)$$

The autocorrelation functions and cross-correlation functions in (4.43) will now be expressed in terms of  $R_{AA}(\tau)$ . Since N-N and A-II are all-pass networks,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{NN}(\tau) &= R_{XX}(\tau) \\ R_{IIH}(\tau) &= R_{AA}(\tau) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.44)$$

Since the spectrum at H is the same as that at A,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{HN}(\tau) &= R_{AX}(\tau) \\ R_{NH}(\tau) &= R_{XA}(\tau) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.45)$$

$R_{XN}(\tau)$ ,  $R_{NX}(\tau)$ ,  $R_{XH}(\tau)$ , and  $R_{HX}(\tau)$  can be obtained from (4.77). Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{XN}(\tau) &= R_{AA}(\tau) \\ R_{NX}(\tau) &= -R_{AA}(\tau) \\ R_{XH}(\tau) &= R_{AA}(\tau) \\ R_{HX}(\tau) &= -R_{AA}(\tau) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.46)$$

The autocorrelation function of a random variable is the same as the autocorrelation function of its negative. Therefore, equation (4.23) gives

$$R_{XX}(\tau) = -R_{AA}(\tau) . \quad (4.47)$$

From (4.28)

$$R_{AH}(\tau) = -R_{AA}(\tau) . \quad (4.48)$$

Since  $R_{AA}$  is an even function,  $R_{AA}$  is odd. Therefore,  $R_{AH} = -R_{AA}$  is odd, and

$$R_{IIA}(\tau) = R_{AH}(-\tau) = R_{AA}(\tau) . \quad (4.49)$$

Since  $v_X(t)$  is the negative of  $v_J(t)$ , equations (4.29) and (4.31) give

$$\begin{aligned} R_{XH}(\tau) &= -R_{AA}(\tau) \\ R_{HX}(\tau) &= R_{AA}(\tau) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.50)$$

Still why, (4.30) gives

$$\begin{aligned} R_{AX}(\tau) &= -R_{AA}(\tau) = R_{AA}(-\tau) . \\ \text{and, since } R_{AA} \text{ is odd,} \\ R_{XA}(\tau) &= -R_{AX}(\tau) = R_{AA}(\tau) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.51)$$

In equation (4.43), only  $R_{AN}(\tau)$  and  $R_{HA}(\tau)$  must still be expressed in terms of  $R_{AA}(\tau)$ . In order to do this, let  $h_5(\tau)$  be the impulse response of a single network that takes the derivative of the Hilbert Transform of its input (process A-N in FIG. 7). Then a derivation similar to that of equations (4.28) gives

$$R_{AN}(\tau) = R_{AA}(\tau) * h_5^*(-\tau) . \quad (4.52)$$

Since  $h_5$  is a real, even function,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{AN}(\tau) &= R_{AA}(\tau) * h_5(\tau) \\ \text{or} \\ R_{AN}(\tau) &= R_{AA}(\tau) * R_{AA}(\tau) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.53)$$

Since  $R_{AA}$  is an even function,

$$R_{HA}(\tau) = R_{AN}(\tau) = R_{AA}(\tau) . \quad (4.54)$$

Substituting (4.55), (4.56), and (4.44) through (4.52) in equation (4.43) gives

$$R_{AA}(\tau) = -2R_{AA}(\tau)\tilde{R}_{AA}(\tau) + \alpha R_{AA}^2(0) + 2R_{AA}^2(\tau) \\ + 2R_{AA}^2(\tau) - 2\tilde{R}_{AA}(\tau)\tilde{R}_{AA}(\tau) \quad (4.57)$$

In order to write an expression for  $\tilde{R}_{AA}(\tau)$ , it is first necessary to find the spectra associated with  $R_{AA}^2(\tau)$  and  $R_{AA}(\tau)$ .

From (4.4),  $\tilde{R}_{AA}(\tau)$  is the autocorrelation function associated with  $\text{js}S_{AA}(f)$ . Therefore, the spectrum corresponding to  $\tilde{R}_{AA}^2(\tau)$  is  $\text{js}S_{AA}(f)*\text{js}R_{AA}(f)$  or  $\text{js}S_{AA}(f)*\text{js}S_{AA}(f)$ . In order to find the spectrum associated with  $R_{AA}^2(\tau)$ , (4.1) is rewritten as

$$R_{AA}(\tau) = \int_0^\infty S_{AA}(f)e^{j\omega f} df + \int_0^\infty S_{AA}(f)e^{-j\omega f} df \quad (4.58)$$

$$\tilde{R}_{AA}(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \text{js}S_{AA}(f)e^{j\omega f} df - \int_0^\infty \text{js}S_{AA}(f)e^{-j\omega f} df \quad (4.59)$$

Taking the Hilbert Transform with respect to  $f$  gives

$$\tilde{R}_{AA}(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \text{js}S_{AA}(f)e^{j\omega f} df - \int_0^\infty \text{js}S_{AA}(f)e^{-j\omega f} df \quad (4.60)$$

Define a function  $W(f)$  by

$$W(f) = 1 \quad \text{for } f < 0 \\ = -1 \quad \text{for } f > 0 \quad (4.60)$$

then

$$\tilde{R}_{AA}(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \text{js}W(f)S_{AA}(f)e^{j\omega f} df \quad (4.61)$$

The spectrum of  $\tilde{R}_{AA}^2(\tau)$  is then  $\left( \text{js}W(f)S_{AA}(f) \right)^2 \left( \text{js}W(f)S_{AA}(f) \right)$ , or  $\left( W(f)S_{AA}(f) \right)^2 \left( W(f)S_{AA}(f) \right)$ . From (4.57), the spectrum at  $\tau$  is thus given by

$$S_{QQ}(f) = 2S_{AA}(f)*\text{js}S_{AA}(f) + 8\tilde{R}_{AA}^2(0)*\text{js}S_{AA}(f) \\ + 2\left( \left( \text{js}S_{AA}(f) \right)^2 * \left( \text{js}S_{AA}(f) \right) + 2\left( \text{js}S_{AA}(f) \right)^2 * \left( \text{js}S_{AA}(f) \right) \right) \\ - 2\left( \text{js}W(f)S_{AA}(f) \right)^2 * \left( W(f)S_{AA}(f) \right) \quad (4.62)$$

The autocorrelation function at  $Q$  can be found by writing

$$v_Q(t) = v_A(t)v_A(t) + v_H(t)v_H(t) \\ v_Q(t+\tau) = v_A(t+\tau)v_A(t+\tau) + v_H(t+\tau)v_H(t+\tau) \quad (4.63)$$

Taking the expected value of the product gives

$$E[v_Q(t)v_Q(t+\tau)] = E[v_A(t)v_A(t)v_A(t+\tau)v_A(t+\tau)] \\ + E[v_H(t)v_H(t)v_H(t+\tau)v_H(t+\tau)] \\ + E[v_A(t)v_H(t)v_H(t+\tau)v_H(t+\tau)] \\ + E[v_H(t)v_A(t)v_H(t+\tau)v_H(t+\tau)] \quad (4.64)$$

$$+ E[v_A(t)v_A(t)v_H(t+\tau)v_H(t+\tau)] \\ + E[v_A(t)v_H(t)v_A(t+\tau)v_H(t+\tau)] \quad (4.64)$$

Applying (4.24) and rewriting in terms of autocorrelation and cross-correlation functions gives

$$R_{QQ}(\tau) = R_{AA}^2(0) + 2R_{AA}^2(\tau) + R_{HH}^2(0) + 2R_{HH}^2(\tau) \\ + 2R_{AA}(0)R_{HH}(0) + 2R_{HH}^2(\tau) + 2R_{AA}^2(\tau) \quad (4.65)$$

Substituting (4.19), (4.28), and (4.49) in (4.65) gives

$$R_{QQ}(\tau) = 4R_{AA}^2(0) + 4R_{AA}^2(\tau) + 4R_{AA}^2(\tau) \quad (4.66)$$

The spectrum at  $Q$  is then given by

$$S_{QQ}(\tau) = 8R_{AA}^2(0)*\text{js}S_{AA}(f) + 4S_{AA}(f)*S_{AA}(f) \\ - 4\left( W(f)S_{AA}(f) * W(f)S_{AA}(f) \right) \quad (4.67)$$

(4)

Square H<sub>11</sub> is the same as square A-E, and the spectrum at H has been shown to be the same as that at A. Therefore,

$$S_{PP}(f) = S_{EE}(f) \quad (4.6H)$$

and

$$R_{PP}(\tau) = R_{EE}(\tau) \quad (4.69)$$

Low-pass filters N-S and Q-Z are treated exactly as (4.1)

and E-F in Ciciora's device, and, therefore,

$$S_{SS}(f) = |h_3(j\omega)|^2 S_{NN}(f) \quad (4.70)$$

$$R_{SS}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \int S_{SS}(f) e^{j\omega f\tau} df = \int h_3(t_1) h_3(t_2) R_{NN}(t_2 + \tau - t_1) \cdot dt_1 dt_2 \quad (4.71)$$

$$S_{RR}(f) = |h_4(j\omega)|^2 S_{QQ}(f) \quad (4.72)$$

and

$$R_{RR}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \int S_{RR}(f) e^{j\omega f\tau} df \quad (4.73)$$

$$= \int h_4(t_1) h_4(t_2) R_{QQ}(t_2 + \tau - t_1) dt_1 dt_2 \quad (4.74)$$

and

$$R_{PK}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \int S_{PK}(f) e^{j\omega f\tau} df \quad (4.75)$$

$$= \int h_3(t_1) h_4(t_2) R_{PK}(t_2 + \tau - t_1) dt_1 dt_2 \quad (4.76)$$

and

$$R_{VK}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \int S_{VK}(f) e^{j\omega f\tau} df \quad (4.77)$$

$$= \int h_4(t_1) h_3(t_2) R_{PK}(t_2 + \tau - t_1) dt_1 dt_2 \quad (4.78)$$

$$In the proposed estimator, Fig. 6, points P, H, J, and K correspond exactly to similarly-labeled points in the other estimators, and thus equations (4.68), (4.69), (4.18), (4.19), (4.20), (4.21), (4.32), and (4.33) are applicable. Also,$$

what has been said before of the low-pass filters applies here, and

$$S_{PK}(f) = |h_3(j\omega)|^2 S_{PK}(f) \quad (4.79)$$

here, and

$$the phase response of Ciciora's specialized filter is not specified. If it is arbitrarily assumed to have zero phase$$

a lift at  $\omega_0 t$ , then

$$v_B(t) = \sqrt{\omega_0} \cos \omega_0 t \quad (4.80)$$

and

$$v_C(t) = \omega_0 \cos^2 \omega_0 t \quad (4.81)$$

If the low-pass filters are integrators,

$$2\hat{A}_1 = \frac{\int_{0}^{T} \omega_0 \cos^2 \omega_0 t dt}{\int_{0}^{T} \cos^2 \omega_0 t dt} = \omega_0 \quad (4.82)$$

and Ciciora's estimator is perfect in this case.

If, however, the specialized filter is assumed to have a ninety-degree phase shift at  $\omega_0 t$ , then

$$v_B(t) = \sqrt{\omega_0} \sin \omega_0 t \quad (4.83)$$

$$v_C(t) = \omega_0 \sin^2 \omega_0 t \quad (4.84)$$

and

$$2\hat{A}_1 = \frac{\int_{0}^{T} \omega_0 \sin^2 \omega_0 t dt}{\int_{0}^{T} \cos^2 \omega_0 t dt} \quad (4.85)$$

In this case, Ciciora's estimator is not perfect, even for an input signal of zero bandwidth. The integrals of (4.82) are shown graphically in Fig. 8. Although the ratio of area  $A_1$  to  $A_2$  is  $\omega_0$ , shaded areas  $A_3$  and  $A_4$  do not have this ratio. This gives rise to an error in the estimate. If the

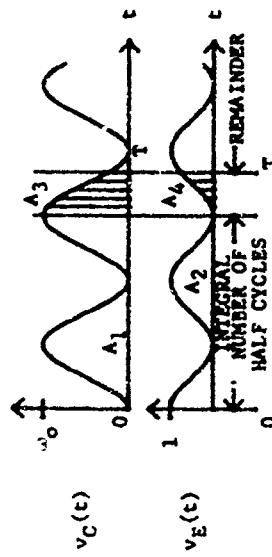


Fig. 8. Signals at C and E in Ciciora's Estimator,  
for Single-Frequency Input

Integrating time  $T$  happens to cover an integral number of half-cycles of  $v_C(t)$ , however, then  $A_3$  and  $A_4$  are zero and the estimator is perfect in that case. Also, if the integrating time is long enough to include many cycles of  $v_C(t)$ , then  $A_3$  and  $A_4$  are negligible compared to  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , and the estimator is nearly perfect. If zero phase shift is assumed for filter A-3, the estimator is perfect for a single-frequency input regardless of the integrating time.

It has been shown that, for  $v_A(t) = \cos \omega_0 t$ , the quality of Ciciora's estimator depends upon the phase shift of network A-B. This conclusion remains true when any phase  $\phi_k$  is added to  $\omega_0 t$ . It will now be shown that, for this simple input process having sample functions  $v_A^k(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi_k)$ , ( $\phi$  uniformly distributed over the interval from

zero to  $2\pi$ ), the other two estimators are perfect. Again,

consider first the case where  $\omega_1 = 0$ ; the conclusion will be the same for a random  $\omega_1$ . Assume  $\omega_0 > 0$ . In Denenberg's device

$$v_H(t) = \sin \omega_0 t, \quad (4.96)$$

$$v_J(t) = \omega_0 \sin \omega_0 t, \quad (4.87)$$

$$v_K(t) = \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \omega_0 t, \quad (4.88)$$

$$v_N(t) = \omega_0 \cos \omega_0 t, \quad (4.89)$$

$$v_L(t) = \omega_0 \cos^2 \omega_0 t, \quad (4.90)$$

$$v_M(t) = \omega_0, \quad (4.91)$$

$$v_P(t) = \sin^2 \omega_0 t, \quad (4.92)$$

$$v_E(t) = \cos^2 \omega_0 t, \quad (4.93)$$

$$v_Q(t) = 1, \quad (4.94)$$

$$\text{and} \quad v_R(t) = \int_0^t \omega_0 dt, \quad (4.95)$$

$$2\pi \hat{\bar{I}} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T 1 dt = \omega_0, \quad (4.96)$$

$$\text{a perfect estimator.}$$

In the proposed device, equations (4.86), (4.87), (4.88),

and (4.92) above apply. Therefore,

$$v_H(t) = \sin \omega_0 t + \sin \omega_1 t, \quad (4.102)$$

$$v_J(t) = \omega_0 \sin \omega_0 t + \omega_1 \sin \omega_1 t, \quad (4.103)$$

$$2\pi \hat{\bar{I}} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{\omega_0 \sin^2 \omega_0 t dt}{\int_0^t \sin^2 \omega_0 t dt} = \omega_0, \quad (4.96)$$

again a perfect estimator.

Consider now the case where  $v_A^k(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi_{0k}) + \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_{1k})$ , where  $\phi_{0k}$  and  $\phi_{1k}$  are uniformly distributed over the interval from zero to  $2\pi$  and statistically independent. Consider first the particular case where

$$v_A(t) = \cos \omega_0 t + \cos \omega_1 t, \quad (4.97)$$

In Ciclora's device, if the specialized filter has no phase shift,

$$v_B(t) = \sqrt{\omega_0} \cos \omega_0 t + \sqrt{\omega_1} \cos \omega_1 t, \quad (4.98)$$

$$v_C(t) = \omega_0 \cos^2 \omega_0 t + \omega_1 \cos^2 \omega_1 t + 2\sqrt{\omega_0 \omega_1} \cos \omega_0 t \cos \omega_1 t, \quad (4.99)$$

$$v_E(t) = \cos^2 \omega_0 t + \cos^2 \omega_1 t + 2 \cos \omega_0 t \cos \omega_1 t, \quad (4.100)$$

and

$$2\pi \hat{\bar{I}} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{(\omega_0 \cos^2 \omega_0 t + \omega_1 \cos^2 \omega_1 t + 2\sqrt{\omega_0 \omega_1} \cos \omega_0 t \cos \omega_1 t) dt}{(\cos^2 \omega_0 t + \cos^2 \omega_1 t + 2 \cos \omega_0 t \cos \omega_1 t) dt} \quad (4.101)$$

$$v_K(t) = \omega_0^2 \sin^2 \omega_0 t + \omega_1^2 \sin^2 \omega_1 t + (\omega_0 + \omega_1) \sin \omega_0 t \sin \omega_1 t , \quad (4.104)$$

$$v_N(t) = \omega_0^2 \cos \omega_0 t + \omega_1^2 \cos \omega_1 t \quad (4.105)$$

$$v_L(t) = \omega_0^2 \cos^2 \omega_0 t + \omega_1^2 \cos^2 \omega_1 t + (\omega_0 + \omega_1) \cos \omega_0 t \cos \omega_1 t , \quad (4.106)$$

$$v_m(\cdot) = \omega_0 + \omega_1 + (\omega_0 + \omega_1) \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t , \quad (4.107)$$

$$v_P(t) = \sin^2 \omega_0 t + \sin^2 \omega_1 t + 2 \sin \omega_0 t \sin \omega_1 t , \quad (4.108)$$

$$v_Q(t) = 2 + 2 \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t , \quad (4.109)$$

and

$$2\pi \hat{\Delta} = \frac{\int (v_0 + v_1 + (v_0 + v_1) \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t) dt}{\int (2 + 2 \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t) dt} = \frac{\omega_0 + \omega_1}{2} \quad (4.110)$$

In the proposed device,

$$2\pi \hat{\Delta} = \frac{\int (v_0 \sin^2 \omega_0 t + v_1 \sin^2 \omega_1 t + (\omega_0 + \omega_1) \sin \omega_0 t \sin \omega_1 t) dt}{\int (\sin^2 \omega_0 t + \sin^2 \omega_1 t + 2 \sin \omega_0 t \sin \omega_1 t) dt} . \quad (4.111)$$

In order to facilitate comparison, equations (4.101) and (4.111) are rewritten using the trigonometric identities for the product of two sines and two cosines.

In Ciciora's device, from (4.101),

$$2\pi \hat{\Delta} = \frac{\int (\omega_0 \cos^2 \omega_0 t + \omega_1 \cos^2 \omega_1 t + \sqrt{\omega_0 \omega_1} \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t + \sqrt{\omega_0 \omega_1} \cos(\omega_0 + \omega_1)t) dt}{\int (\cos^2 \omega_0 t + \cos^2 \omega_1 t + \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t + \cos(\omega_0 + \omega_1)t) dt} . \quad (4.112)$$

In the proposed device, from (4.111),

$$2\pi \hat{\Delta} = \frac{\int (\omega_0 \sin^2 \omega_0 t + \omega_1 \sin^2 \omega_1 t + \frac{\omega_0 + \omega_1}{2} \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t - \frac{\omega_0 + \omega_1}{2} \cos(\omega_0 + \omega_1)t) dt}{\int (\sin^2 \omega_0 t + \sin^2 \omega_1 t + \sin(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t - \sin(\omega_0 + \omega_1)t) dt} . \quad (4.113)$$

Comparison of (4.112) and (4.113) shows that the behavior of the proposed device is very similar to that of Ciciora's for an input consisting of two cosine waves. The terms at the sum and difference frequencies arise from mixing in the non-linear elements of the estimators. In Ciciora's device (equation (4.112)), the amplitude of these mixing terms in the numerator integral is  $\sqrt{\omega_0 \omega_1}$ , the geometric mean of  $\omega_0$  and  $\omega_1$ . In the proposed device (equation (4.113)), it is  $(\omega_0 + \omega_1)/2$ , their arithmetic mean. If  $\omega_0 \neq \omega_1$ , this is larger than the geometric mean, but the difference becomes smaller as the bandwidth of the input signal decreases.

Deneberg's estimator is again perfect, even for the case of a two-cosine-wave input. In equation (4.110), the

numerator and denominator integrands can both be factored, leaving

$$2\pi \hat{F} = \frac{\omega_0 t_{\text{av}}}{2} \int_0^T \frac{(1 + \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t) dt}{(1 + \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_1)t) dt} = \frac{\omega_0 t_{\text{av}}}{2}. \quad (4.114)$$

This is not true for the case of three or more input frequencies, and, therefore, the equation should be in the form of (4.110) when being compared with (4.112) and (4.113). It is seen that the terms corresponding to the sum frequency  $\omega_0 + \omega_1$  are missing from both the numerator and denominator of (4.110). Also, the terms giving rise to the desired ratio  $(\omega_0 + \omega_1)/2$  are constants in (4.110); they are multiplied by either a  $\sin^2$  term or a  $\cos^2$  term in (4.112) and (4.113). This comparison is similar for any  $\omega_k$  and  $\omega_{k'}$  in the input

$$v_A^k(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi_{0k}) + \cos(\omega_1 t + \phi_{1k}). \quad (4.115)$$

Hence Denenberg's estimator, with its relative complexity (see Fig. 5), can be expected to be better than the other two. In order to answer the question of how much better, consider the case of an input spectrum which is flat between 300 Hz and 400 Hz and zero elsewhere (Fig. 9). This is a typical bandwidth for signals received by meteorological radars in a rainstorm.

From (4.12) and (4.13), in Ciciora's device

$$S_{CC}(\omega) = 2\pi(R_{AA}^2(0))S(\omega) + 2\left(\left|\omega\right|S_{AA}(\omega)\right) * \left(\left|\omega\right|S_{AA}(\omega)\right) - 2(\omega^2 W(\omega)S_{AA}(\omega)) * (W(\omega)S_{AA}(\omega)) \quad (4.118)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &\approx 1885 \text{ rad/sec} \\ b &\approx 2513 \text{ rad/sec} \end{aligned}$$

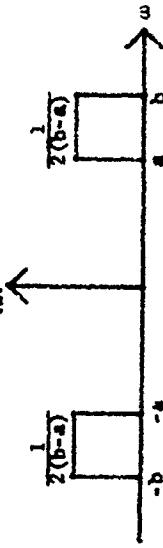


Fig. 9. Sample Input Spectrum

$$S_{EE}(\omega) = 2\pi(R_{AA}^2(0))\delta(\omega) + 2S_{AA}(\omega) * S_{AA}(\omega) \quad (4.116)$$

From (3.37) and (4.55), the average frequency of the input is given by

$$\bar{\omega} = \frac{R_{AA}^2(0)}{2\pi S_{AA}(0)} \quad (4.117)$$

Hence, in equation (4.116) the D.C. terms (those containing  $\delta(\omega)$ ) are "signal" terms while the remaining terms give rise to noise, or error, in the estimate. For comparison, the spectra at similar points in the other estimators are given below. In Denenberg's device, from (4.62) and (4.67),

$$\begin{aligned} S_{DE}(\omega) &= 8\pi R_{AA}^2(0)\delta(\omega) + 2S_{AA}(\omega) * \omega^2 S_{AA}(\omega) \\ &+ 2\left(\left|\omega\right|S_{AA}(\omega)\right) * \left(\left|\omega\right|S_{AA}(\omega)\right) \\ &+ 2(\omega S_{AA}(\omega)) * (\omega S_{AA}(\omega)) \\ &- 2(\omega^2 W(\omega)S_{AA}(\omega)) * (W(\omega)S_{AA}(\omega)) \end{aligned} \quad (4.117)$$

$$S_{QQ}(\omega) =$$

$$8\pi R_{AA}^2(0)\delta(\omega) + 4S_{AA}(\omega)*S_{AA}(\omega) - 4(i\omega S_{AA}(\omega)) * (W(\omega)S_{AA}(\omega))$$

where  $W(\omega)$  is given by (4.60).

In the proposed device, from (4.33), (4.68), and (4.13),

$$S_{KK}(\omega) =$$

$$2\pi R_{AA}^2(0)\delta(\omega) + S_{AA}(\omega)*\omega^2 S_{AA}(\omega) + \left\{ i\omega |S_{AA}(\omega)| * \left[ i\omega |S_{AA}(\omega)| \right] \right\}$$

$$S_{PP}(\omega) = 2\pi R_{AA}^2(0)\delta(\omega) + 2S_{AA}(\omega)*S_{AA}(\omega)$$

All of these signals are processed by low-pass filters.

It is assumed that these filters are the same for all three devices. Therefore, the signals are here compared at the filter outputs.

For the example shown in Fig. 8, it suffices to compare the noise spectra in the range  $0 < \omega < (b-a)$ , since in this example  $(b-a)$  is 100 Hz, and the bandwidth of the low-pass filters is considerably smaller than that. Also, in

equations (4.118) for Denenberg's device, it is seen that the D.C. terms in both the numerator ( $S_{PP}(\omega)$ ) and denominator ( $S_{QQ}(\omega)$ ) are four times those of the corresponding equations

(4.116) and (4.119). Therefore, equations (4.118) should be divided by four for comparison with the others. In the range  $0 < \omega < (b-a)$ , by simple convolution,

$$\frac{1}{4}S_{MM}(\omega) = \frac{1}{3(b-a)^2} \left( 2(b^3-a^3) - 3\omega(a^2+\omega^2) + 3\omega^2(b-a) - 2\omega^3 \right)$$

and for the proposed device in the same range,

$$S_{KK}(\omega) = \frac{1}{12(b-a)^2} \left( 4(b^3-a^3-\omega^3) - 9(a^2\omega^2\omega^2) \right.$$

$$+ 3(\omega^2 b - \omega b^2) \Big)$$

The spectra of the numerator signals before filtering are plotted in Fig. 10. It is seen that the spectrum for the

$$\left( i\omega |S_{AA}(\omega)| \right) * \left( i\omega |S_{AA}(\omega)| \right) = -i\omega S_{AA}(\omega) * iS_{AA}(\omega) =$$

$$\frac{1}{6(b-a)^2} \left( (b^3 - a^3 - \omega^3) + 3\omega(b-a + \omega) \right)$$

$$S_{AA}(\omega) * S_{AA}(\omega) = W(\omega)S_{AA}(\omega) * W(\omega)S_{AA}(\omega) =$$

$$\frac{1}{2(b-a)^2} (b - a - \omega)$$

$$S_{AA}(\omega) * \omega^2 S_{AA}(\omega) = -W(\omega)S_{AA}(\omega) * \omega^2 W(\omega)S_{AA}(\omega) =$$

$$\frac{1}{12(b-a)^2} \left( 2(b^3-a^3) - 3\omega(a^2+b^2) + 3\omega^2(b-a) - 2\omega^3 \right).$$

Substituting this in (4.15), (4.17), and (4.18) gives, for Ciciora's device in the range  $0 < \omega < (b-a)$ ,

$$S_{CC}(\omega) = \frac{1}{3(b-a)^2} \left( (b^3-a^3-\omega^3) - 3\omega(a+b) \right)$$

$$SEE(\omega) = \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} (b-a-\omega)$$

For Denenberg's device in this range,

$$\frac{1}{4}S_{MM}(\omega) = \frac{1}{3(b-a)^2} \left( 2(b^3-a^3) - 3\omega(a^2+\omega^2) + 3\omega^2(b-a) - 2\omega^3 \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{4}S_{QQ}(\omega) = \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} (b-a-\omega) ,$$

and for the proposed device in the same range,

$$S_{PP}(\omega) = \frac{1}{12(b-a)^2} \left( 4(b^3-a^3-\omega^3) - 9(a^2\omega^2\omega^2) \right.$$

$$+ 3(\omega^2 b - \omega b^2) \Big)$$

proposed device is very similar to that of Ciciora's, while Denenberg's device has only one-half as much noise in the numerator. This is true because, in equation (4.118), the terms  $2\left(\left|\omega S_{AA}(\omega)\right| * \left(\left|\omega S_{AA}(\omega)\right| + 2\left(\omega S_{AA}(\omega)\right) + (\omega S_{AA}(\omega))\right)$  add to zero in the range  $0 < \omega < (b-a)$ . As can be seen from equations (4.121) through (4.123) and from Fig. 11, the denominator spectra are the same for all three estimators.

The signal-to-noise ratio at the numerator can be calculated by recalling that the average ( $G_{\text{N}}$ ) value of the denominator signal in all three devices is an estimate of the input power. For the example of Fig. 9, this power is unity. Hence, the average value of the numerator is an estimate of the average radian frequency, which in this example is  $2\pi(350)$  or  $700\pi$ ; the power at N.C. is, therefore,  $(700\pi)^2$ . This is the "signal" power; the noise power in the numerator depends on the bandwidth of the filter. For bandwidths up to 10 Hz, the power spectral density curves in Fig. 10 can be replaced by straight lines between the end points. The value at  $f=0$  for Ciciora's device and the proposed device is 7749.3. Recall that the noise spectrum is two-sided, and only one side is shown in Fig. 10. Then, if B is the bandwidth of the filter, the noise power after filtering is  $1.5479B - 12.333B^2$ .

The noise for Denenberg's device is 3 db less. The signal-to-noise ratio of the numerator signals of the three devices at various filter bandwidths is shown in Table 1.

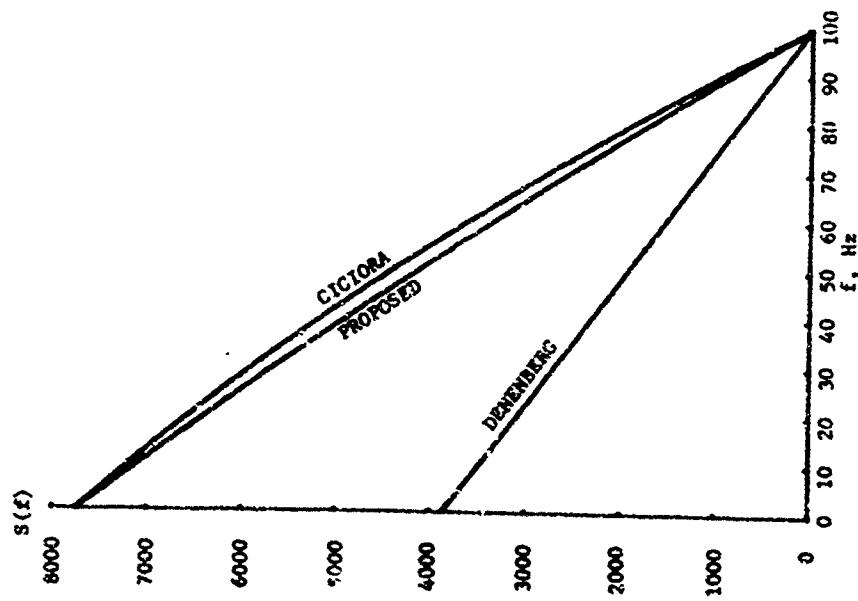


FIG. 10. Spectrum of Numerator Before Filtering

Table 1. Numerator S/N Ratio Versus Filter Bandwidth

Filter Bandwidth	S/N Ratio at	
	Corresponding Integration Time T	U (Proposed)
0.1 Hz	10.0 sec.	29.8 db
1.0	1.0	19.8
10.0	0.1	10.0
		13.0

Unfortunately, knowledge of the signal-to-noise ratio of the numerator does not yield information about the quotient.

However, the photographs in Chapter VI and the data in Appendix B show that the S/N ratio of the quotient is considerably better than that of the numerator.

Since nothing has been said of the power spectral density or the autocorrelation function at the divider outputs, analysis of a divider is considered in the next chapter.

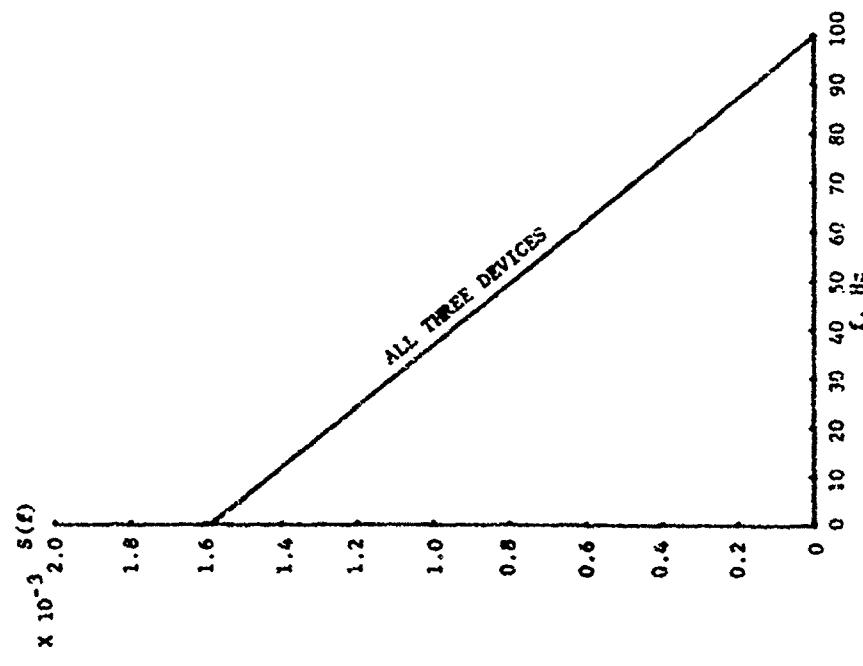


FIG. 11. Spectrum of Denominator Before Filtering

This chapter discusses the possibility of extending the analysis of Chapter IV to the output divider, in order to obtain an expression for the autocorrelation function of the signal at the output. It is assumed that the autocorrelation functions for the divider inputs are known.

Let L, M, and Q denote the divider's numerator input, denominator input, and output, respectively. Define

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= v_L(t) \\ v_2 &= v_L(t+\tau) \\ v_3 &= v_M(t) \\ v_4 &= v_M(t+\tau). \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

$$v_4 = v_Q(t).$$

It is first necessary to write an expression for  $P_1(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4)$ , the joint probability density function of these four voltages. Assume for the moment that this function is joint gaussian with zero mean. (This point will be discussed later.) Then

$$P_1(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 |\Lambda|^{1/2}} \cdot \exp \left( \frac{i}{2} \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 \Lambda_{ij} v_i v_j \right), \quad (5.2)$$

where  $\Lambda$  is the covariance matrix of the input voltages, and  $|\Lambda_{ij}|$  is the  $(i,j)$ -th cofactor, or signed minor, of  $\Lambda$ .

Define new random variables  $y_1$  through  $y_4$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= v_Q(t) = v_1/v_3 \\ y_2 &= v_Q(t+\tau) = v_2/v_4 \\ y_3 &= v_3 \\ y_4 &= v_4. \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

Solving (5.3) for  $v_1$  through  $v_4$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= y_1 y_3 \\ v_2 &= y_2 y_4 \\ v_3 &= y_3 \\ v_4 &= y_4. \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

By the standard fourth-order transformation of random variables, the joint probability density function for  $y_1$  through  $y_4$  is given by

$$p_0(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = p_1(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) |J| \quad (5.5)$$

where

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial v_4}{\partial y_1} \\ \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial v_4}{\partial y_2} \\ \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y_3} & \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y_3} & \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial y_3} & \frac{\partial v_4}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y_4} & \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y_4} & \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial y_4} & \frac{\partial v_4}{\partial y_4} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & y_2 \end{vmatrix} = y_3 y_4$$

and thus

$$|\beta| \cdot |y_1 y_2| \quad (5.7)$$

Since  $P_Q$  is known,  $p_0$  is also known. If the autocorrelation function of the output, however, it is necessary to find the second-order probability density function  $p_Q(y_1, y_2)$ . This is given by

$$P_Q(y_1, y_2) = \int \int p_0(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) dy_3 dy_4 \quad (5.8)$$

where it is at least theoretically possible to carry out the integration.

Since  $P_Q(y_1, y_2)$  is, by definition of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ ,  $p_Q(v_Q(t), v_Q(t+\tau))$ , the autocorrelation function at Q is given by

$$R_{QQ}(\tau) = E[y_1 y_2] = \int \int y_1 y_2 p_0(y_1, y_2) dy_1 dy_2 \quad (5.9)$$

Hence, the autocorrelation function at the divider output is known, at least in terms of integrals. When the integrals are too difficult to carry out analytically, they can be evaluated by numerical methods on a digital computer.

In the proposed device, the bandwidth of the low-pass filters at the divider inputs is about 1 Hz, while a typical value for the bandwidth of the filter inputs is 50 Hz. Therefore, the integrators or low-pass filters sum approximately fifty statistically-independent values of their input voltages. Hence, an extension of the Central Limit theorem can be used to establish that the signals at the filter outputs (divider inputs) are nearly Gaussian, as assumed in (5.2).

A difficulty arises, however, in attempting to apply (5.2) to the proposed device. While the autocorrelation function at each divider input is known, the cross-correlation between the two inputs is unknown, and, hence, the covariance matrix  $\Lambda$  contains unknown members.

A device similar to the proposed device, designed to circumvent this difficulty, is now considered. Although no claim is made that this device is equivalent to the proposed one, it is here introduced to show how the above analysis might be applied to a complete system.

Figure 12 shows the proposed device. In Chapter VI, Fig. 24 shows that, even before integrating, the signal in the upper channel (numerator) is nearly a constant times the signal in the lower channel (denominator). Hence, it is feasible to divide these two signals first and then integrate over time. If this is done, the device becomes as shown in FIG. 13 and readily simplifies to the device of FIG. 14.

In this case, the cross-correlation between the divider inputs is already known. Equations (4.27) and (4.29) are directly applicable, and

$$R_{JJ}(\tau) = R_{HJ}(\tau) = \frac{V}{R_{AA}(\tau)} \quad (5.10)$$

Hence, the covariance matrix  $\Lambda$  in (5.2) is known, and thus the entire device is analyzed in terms of the input autocorrelation function. It may, however, be necessary to use a computer to carry out the integrations indicated in (5.8) and (5.9).

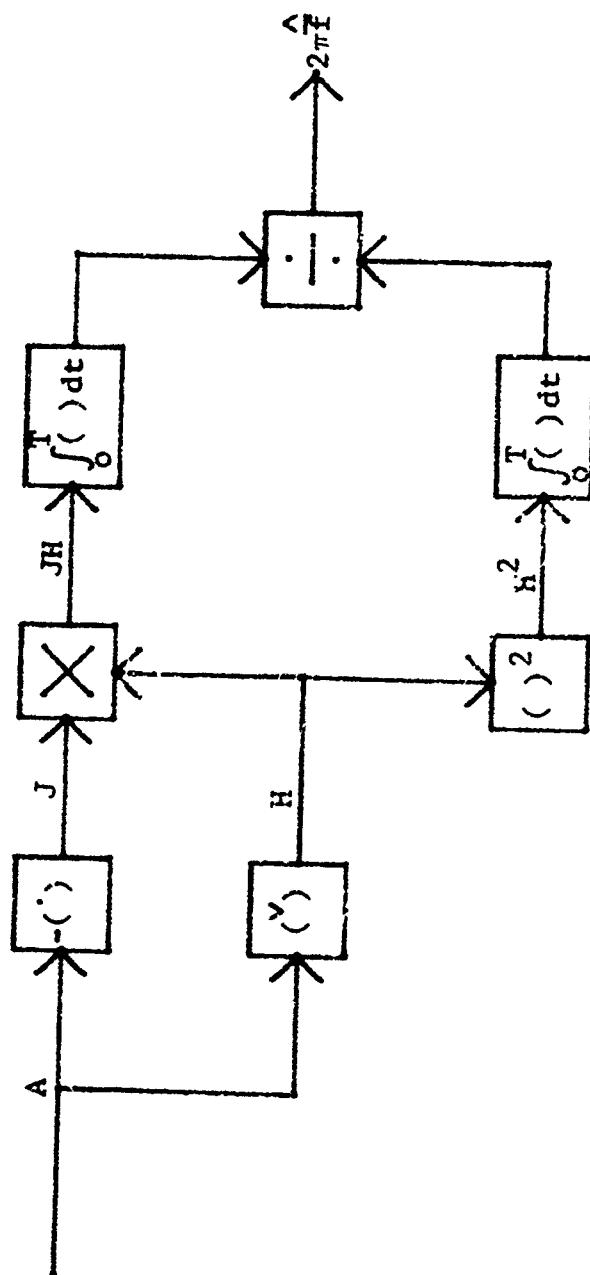


Fig. 12. Proposed Device

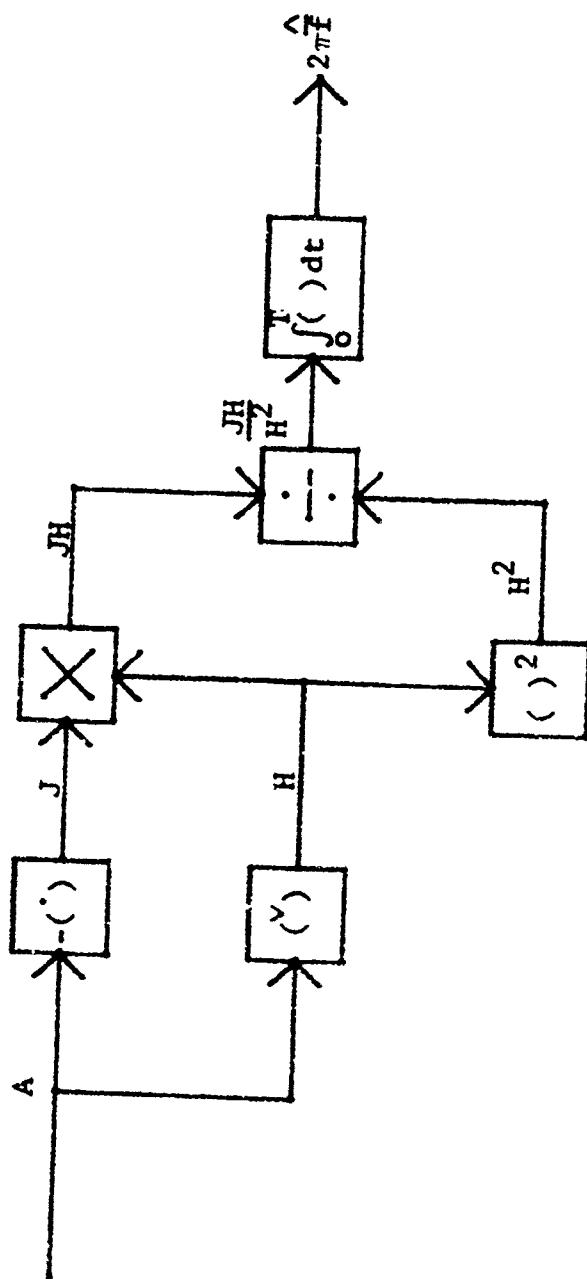


Fig. 13. Device Similar to That Proposed

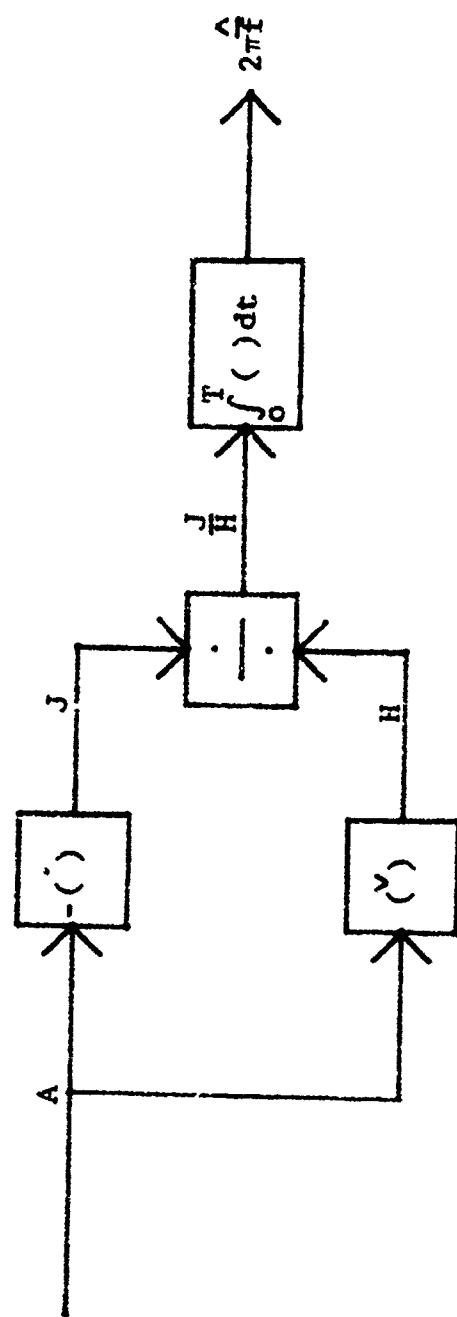


Fig. 14. Device of Fig. 13, Simplified

If the integrating time  $\tau$  is large, approximate expressions can be obtained for the bias and variance of the proposed estimator by making use of the power series approximation to  $1/(1+rx)$ , where  $|rx| < 1$ . Let  $r_{\hat{X}A}(\tau) = \hat{r}_{XA}(\tau) - r_{XA}(0)$  be the error in the estimate  $\hat{r}_{XA}(\tau)$ . Similarly, let  $r_{\hat{XX}}(\tau)$  be the error in  $\hat{r}_{XX}(\tau)$ . From (3.38), the proposed estimator is given by

$$(5.11) \quad -2\tau\hat{F} = \frac{\hat{r}_{XA}(0) + r_{XA}(0)}{r_{XX}(0)} - \frac{r_{XA}(0) + r_{XA}(0)}{r_{XX}(0) + r_{XX}(0)} .$$

If  $|r_{XX}(0)| < |r_{XA}(0)|$ , then

$$(5.12) \quad -2\tau\hat{F} \approx \frac{r_{XA}(0) + r_{XA}(0)}{r_{XX}(0)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{r_{XX}(0)}{r_{XX}(0)} \right)^k .$$

This is the power series expansion for  $1/1+(r_{XX}(0)/r_{XX}(0))$ .

Expanding (5.12) and regrouping gives

$$(5.13) \quad -2\tau\hat{F} = \frac{r_{XA}(0)}{r_{XX}(0)} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{r_{XX}(0)}{r_{XX}(0)} \right)^k \left[ \frac{r_{XA}(0)}{r_{XX}(0)} r_{XX}(0) \right]$$

$$- r_{XA}(0) (r_{XX}(0))^{k-1} .$$

If the integrating time is large,  $|r_{XX}(0)/r_{XX}(0)| \ll 1$ , and the above series can be approximated by its first two terms.

Also, if  $P$  is the power in the input signal, then  $r_{XA}(0) = P$  and  $r_{XA}(0) = 2\tau T_P$ . Equation (5.13) then gives

$$(5.14) \quad \hat{F} - \tau \approx \frac{1}{P} \left[ F_{r_{XA}(0)} - \frac{r_{XA}(0)}{2\tau T_P} \right] + \frac{1}{P^2} \left[ \tau r_{XX}^2(0) - \frac{r_{XA}(0)r_{XX}(0)}{2\tau T_P} \right] .$$

Retaining only the first term in (5.14) and squaring gives

$$(5.15) \quad (\hat{F} - \tau)^2 \approx \frac{1}{P^2} \left[ \tau^2 r_{XX}^2(0) - 2\tau F_{r_{XX}(0)} \left( \frac{r_{XA}(0)}{2\tau T_P} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r_{XA}(0)}{2\tau T_P} \right)^2 \right].$$

In order to calculate the bias and variance of the estimate of  $F$ , it is necessary to take the expected value of each term in (5.14) and (5.15). To find the expected value of  $r_{XX}(0)$ , write

$$(5.16) \quad \hat{r}_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x_A(t)x_A(t+\tau)dt .$$

Note that the right-hand side is an estimate of the time autocorrelation function  $R_{XX}(\tau)$ . However, under the ergodic assumption,  $\hat{R}_{XX}(\tau) = R_{XX}(\tau)$ , and thus the right-hand side of (5.16) is also an estimate of the ensemble autocorrelation function  $R_{XX}(\tau)$ . Taking the expected value of both sides and interchanging the order of averaging and integration gives

$$(5.17) \quad E[\hat{r}_{XX}(\tau)] = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T E[x_A(t)x_A(t+\tau)] dt$$

or

$$(5.18) \quad E[\hat{r}_{XX}(\tau)] = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T r_{XX}(t)dt = R_{XX}(\tau) .$$

Therefore,

$$(5.19) \quad E[\hat{r}_{XX}(\tau)] = 0 .$$

Similarly,

$$E[X_A(t)] = 0 \quad (5.20)$$

This result states that the time-limit estimator of the autocorrelation function (equation (5.16)) is unbiased.

This is a reasonable result, because for an ergodic (and, therefore, stationary) process, integrating for a limited time and averaging over an entire ensemble is equivalent to integrating a single sample function over all time.

To find the expected value of  $\hat{R}_{XX}(0)$ , write

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_{XX}(0) &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} Y_A^2(t) dt. \\ &\quad (5.21) \end{aligned}$$

Since the process is stationary, the integral shown above is equivalent to an interval from zero to T, as shown earlier.

Squaring (5.21) gives

$$\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0) = \frac{1}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} Y_A^2(t) dt \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} Y_A^2(\tau) d\tau \quad (5.22)$$

or

$$\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} Y_A(t) Y_A(\tau) d\tau \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} Y_A(\tau) d\tau \quad (5.23)$$

Taking the expected value of both sides and making use of (5.20) gives

$$E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0)] = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} R_{XX}^2(0) + 2R_{XX}^2(\tau-t) dt d\tau. \quad (5.24)$$

Taking the constant  $R_{XX}^2(0)$  outside the integral gives

$$E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0)] = R_{XX}^2(0) \frac{R_{XX}(0)}{\frac{T}{2}} - E[R_{XX}(0) \frac{R_{XX}(0)}{\frac{T}{2}}]. \quad (5.25)$$

$$E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0)] = R_{XX}^2(0) = \frac{1}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} 2R_{XX}^2(\tau-t) dt d\tau. \quad (5.25)$$

Recognizing t as left-hand side as  $E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0)]$  and substituting  $U = T/2$  in the right-hand side gives

$$E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0)] = \frac{1}{4U^2} \int_0^U \int_0^U 2R_{XX}^2(\tau-t) dt d\tau. \quad (5.26)$$

Note that the substitution made above is not a change in the variables of integration, but only a substitution  $U = T/2$  in the limits. Since the integrand is an even function of  $\tau-t$ , a development by Davenport and Root<sup>4</sup> applies, and (5.26) leads to

$$E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0)] = \frac{2}{U} \int_0^U \left(1 - \frac{\tau}{2U}\right) R_{XX}^2(\tau) d\tau \quad (5.27)$$

or, since  $U = T/2$  and  $R_{XX}(\tau) = R_{XX}(t)$ ,

$$E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0)] = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^T \left(1 - \frac{\tau}{T}\right) R_{AA}^2(\tau) d\tau. \quad (5.28)$$

To find  $E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0) \{ R_{XX}(0) / -2\pi \}]$  write

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0) \frac{R_{AA}(0)}{-2\pi}] &= R_{XX}(0) \frac{R_{AA}(0)}{-2\pi} + \frac{R_{XX}(0)}{-2\pi} E[R_{XX}(0)] \\ &\quad + R_{XX}(0) E\left[\frac{R_{AA}(0)}{-2\pi}\right] + E[R_{XX}(0) \frac{R_{AA}(0)}{-2\pi}]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.29)$$

Since  $E[R_{XX}(0)] = E[R_{XX}(0)] = 0$ ,

$$E[\hat{R}_{XX}^2(0) \frac{R_{AA}(0)}{-2\pi}] = R_{XX}(0) \frac{R_{AA}(0)}{-2\pi} - E[R_{XX}(0) \frac{R_{AA}(0)}{-2\pi}]. \quad (5.30)$$

$\hat{R}_{XX}(0) / \{R_{XX}(0) / -2\}$  can be written

$$\hat{R}_{XX}(0) / \frac{R_{XX}(0)}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2\pi T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \hat{Y}_A(\tau) d\tau \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} Y_A(\tau) \dot{Y}_A(\tau) d\tau$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \hat{Y}_A(\tau) \hat{Y}_A(\tau) Y_A(\tau) \dot{Y}_A(\tau) d\tau. \quad (5.31)$$

Taking the expected value of both sides and applying (4.23) gives

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{R}_{XX}(0) / \frac{R_{XX}(0)}{-2}] &= -\frac{1}{2\pi T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (R_{XX}(0) R_{YY}(0) \\ &\quad + 2R_{XX}(\tau-t) R_{YY}(\tau-t)) d\tau dt. \end{aligned} \quad (5.32)$$

Subtracting  $R_{XX}(0) / \{R_{YY}(0) / -2\}$  from both sides using (5.30) gives

$$E[\hat{R}_{XX}(0) / \frac{R_{XX}(0)}{-2}] = -\frac{1}{\pi T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} R_{XX}(\tau-t) R_{YY}(\tau-t) d\tau dt. \quad (5.33)$$

From (4.50),  $R_{YY}(\tau) = -R_{AA}(\tau)$ . Therefore, the integrand in (5.33) is an even function of  $\tau-t$ . Substituting  $U = T/2$ , applying the development of Davenport and Root<sup>4</sup>, and substituting  $T/2$  for  $U$ ,  $R_{AA}(\tau)$  for  $R_{XX}(\tau)$ , and  $-R_{AA}(\tau)$  for  $R_{YY}(\tau)$  (see (4.46)), results in

$$E[\hat{R}_{XX}(0) / \frac{R_{XX}(0)}{-2}] = -\frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^T (1 - \frac{\tau}{T}) \left( R_{AA}(\tau) \frac{\dot{R}_{AA}(\tau)}{-2\pi} \right) d\tau. \quad (5.34)$$

A derivation exactly parallel with that of (5.27) results in

$$E\left[\left(\frac{R_{XX}(0)}{-2}\right)^2\right] = \frac{1}{\pi^2 T^4} \int_0^T (1 - \frac{\tau}{T})^2 R_{AA}^2(\tau) d\tau. \quad (5.35)$$

Taking the expected value of (5.14) using (5.19), (5.20), (5.28), and (5.34) gives

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{R}-\bar{r}] &\approx \frac{4}{\pi^2 T} \left[ E \int_0^T \left( (1 - \frac{\tau}{T}) R_{AA}^2(\tau) \right) d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^T (1 - \frac{\tau}{T}) R_{AA}(\tau) \frac{\dot{R}_{AA}(\tau)}{-2\pi} \right] d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (5.36)$$

The bias of the proposed estimator is then given approximately by

$$E[\hat{R}-\bar{r}] \approx \frac{4}{\pi^2 T} \left[ \int_0^T (1 - \frac{\tau}{T}) \left( E[R_{AA}^2(\tau)] - \frac{1}{2\pi} R_{AA}(\tau) \dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) \right) d\tau \right]. \quad (5.37)$$

Taking the expected value of (5.15) using (5.28), (5.34), and (5.35) gives

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{R}-\bar{r}]^2 &\approx \frac{4}{\pi^2 T} \int_0^T E^2 \left( (1 - \frac{\tau}{T}) R_{AA}^2(\tau) \right) d\tau \\ &\quad + \frac{8}{\pi^2 T} \int_0^T E[(1 - \frac{\tau}{T}) R_{AA}(\tau) \frac{\dot{R}_{AA}(\tau)}{-2\pi}]^2 d\tau \\ &\quad + \frac{4}{\pi^2 T} \int_0^T (1 - \frac{\tau}{T})^2 \left( R_{AA}(\tau) \frac{\dot{R}_{AA}(\tau)}{-2\pi} \right)^2 d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (5.38)$$

The variance of the proposed estimator is then given approximately by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{E}\left[\left(\hat{R}_{AA} - R_{AA}\right)^2\right] &\approx \frac{4}{\pi^2 T} \int_0^T \left[ \left( T^2 R_{AA}^2(\tau) - \frac{1}{T} T R_{AA}(\tau) \hat{R}_{AA}(\tau) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \hat{R}_{AA}^2(\tau) \right] \left( 1 - \frac{\tau}{T} \right) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (5.19)$$

In order to compare these results with Denenberg's estimator, the bias and variance of his estimate are now derived in terms of  $R_{AA}(\tau)$ , in a manner parallel with the derivation just given for the proposed estimator.

In Chapter III, equation (3.30) was derived from (3.14). Denenberg's estimator can, therefore, be expressed as

$$j2\pi \hat{r} = \frac{\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0)}{\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0)}. \quad (5.40)$$

$$\text{If } r_{ZZ}(\tau) = \hat{R}_{ZZ}(\tau) - R_{ZZ}(\tau) \text{ and } \hat{r}_{ZZ}(\tau) = \hat{R}_{ZZ}(\tau) - \hat{R}_{ZZ}(\tau), \text{ then}$$

$$j2\pi \hat{r} = \frac{\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0) + \hat{r}_{ZZ}(0)}{\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0) + r_{ZZ}(0)}. \quad (5.41)$$

If  $|r_{ZZ}(0)| < |\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0)|$ , (5.41) can be expanded in a power series similar to (5.17).

$$\begin{aligned} j2\pi \hat{r} &= \frac{\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0)}{\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0)} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0)} \right)^k \left[ \frac{\hat{r}_{ZZ}(0)}{\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0)} \left( r_{ZZ}(0) \right)^k \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \hat{r}_{ZZ}(0) \left( r_{ZZ}(0) \right)^{k-1} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5.42)$$

If we let  $R_{ZZ}(0) = 2P$ ,  $\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0) = 2P'$  from (3.14). If the integrating time is large,  $|r_{ZZ}(0)/R_{ZZ}(0)| < 1$ , and the above series can be approximated by its first two terms, equation (5.42) then gives

$$\begin{aligned} \text{E}[\hat{r}] &\approx -\frac{1}{2P} \left[ T r_{ZZ}(0) - \frac{\hat{r}_{ZZ}(0)}{j2\pi} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4P^2} \left[ T r_{ZZ}^2(0) - \frac{\hat{r}_{ZZ}^2(0)}{j2\pi} r_{ZZ}(0) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.43)$$

Retaining only the first term and squaring gives

$$(\hat{r})^2 \approx \frac{1}{4P^2} \left[ T^2 r_{ZZ}^2(0) - 2T r_{ZZ}(0) \frac{\hat{r}_{ZZ}(0)}{j2\pi} + \left( \frac{\hat{r}_{ZZ}(0)}{j2\pi} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (5.44)$$

It is next necessary to find the expected value of each of the terms in (5.43) and (5.44). From (3.19) and the denominator of (3.29),

$$\hat{R}_{ZZ}(0) = \hat{R}_{AA}(0) + \hat{R}_{XX}(0). \quad (5.45)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_{ZZ}^2(0) &= \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (v_A^2(t) + v_A^2(t)) dt \right) \\ &\quad \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (v_A^2(t) + v_A^2(t)) dt \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (v_A(t) v_A(t) v_A(t) v_A(t)) \\ &\quad + v_A(t) v_A(t) v_A(-t) v_A(t) + v_A(t) v_A(t) v_A(t) \\ &\quad + v_A(t) v_A(t) v_A(t) v_A(t) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (5.46)$$

The next step is to take the expected value of (5.46).

After much straightforward algebra, applying (4.24) four times and making use of (4.19) and (4.28) results in

$$\begin{aligned} E[r_{zz}^2(0)] &= \frac{4}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (R_{AA}(0) + R_{AA}^2(\tau-t) + \dot{X}_{AA}^2(\tau-t)) d\tau dt. \\ \text{Subtracting } R_{zz}^2(0) = [2R_{AA}(0)]^2 \text{ from (5.47) gives} \\ E[r_{zz}^2(0)] &= \frac{4}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (R_{AA}^2(\tau-t) + R_{AA}^2(\tau-t)) d\tau dt. \end{aligned} \quad (5.48)$$

Since the integrand is even, the substitution  $U = T/2$  in the limits makes the development of Davenport and Root<sup>4</sup> applicable. The result is

$$E[r_{zz}^2(0)] = \frac{8}{T} \int_0^T \left[ 1 - \frac{\pi}{T} \right] \left[ R_{AA}^2(\tau) + \dot{X}_{AA}^2(\tau) \right] d\tau. \quad (5.49)$$

Since  $E[r_{zz}(0)] = E[r_{zz}^2(0)] - 0$ ,

$$E[\dot{r}_{zz}(0) \frac{\dot{r}_{zz}(0)}{T}] = R_{zz}(0) \frac{\dot{R}_{zz}(0)}{T} + E[r_{zz}(0) \frac{\dot{r}_{zz}(0)}{T}]. \quad (5.50)$$

Consider equation (3.24) and the numerator of (3.29).

$R_{zz}(0) (\dot{R}_{zz}(0)/T)$  can be written

$$\hat{R}_{zz}(0) \frac{\dot{r}_{zz}(0)}{T} = \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (v_A^2(t) + \dot{v}_A^2(t)) dt \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (v_A(\tau) \dot{X}_A(\tau) - \dot{v}_A(\tau) \dot{v}_A(\tau)) d\tau \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (v_A(t)v_A(\tau)v_A(\tau) - v_A(t)\dot{v}_A(\tau)\dot{v}_A(\tau)) d\tau dt.$$

$$+ \dot{v}_A(t)v_A(\tau)v_A(\tau) - \dot{v}_A(t)\dot{v}_A(\tau)v_A(\tau) d\tau dt. \quad (5.51)$$

The expected value of this expression can be taken by applying (4.24) four times and making use of (4.19), (4.55), (4.50), (4.48), and (4.51). The result is

$$\begin{aligned} E[\dot{r}_{zz}(0) \frac{\dot{r}_{zz}(0)}{T}] &= \frac{4}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (R_{AA}(0) \dot{X}_{AA}(0) \\ &\quad + R_{AA}(\tau-t) \dot{X}_{AA}(\tau-t) - \dot{X}_{AA}(\tau-t) \dot{R}_{AA}(\tau-t)) d\tau dt. \end{aligned} \quad (5.52)$$

From (3.24), (4.55), and (4.55),  $(\dot{R}_{zz}(0)/T) = 2\dot{X}_{AA}(0)$ . Also, from (3.33),  $R_{zz}(0) = 2R_{AA}(0)$ . Subtracting (5.50) from (5.52), therefore, gives

$$\begin{aligned} E[\dot{r}_{zz}(0) \frac{\dot{r}_{zz}(0)}{T}] &= \frac{4}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (R_{AA}(\tau-t) \dot{X}_{AA}(\tau-t) \\ &\quad - \dot{X}_{AA}(\tau-t) \dot{R}_{AA}(\tau-t)) d\tau dt. \end{aligned} \quad (5.53)$$

Since the integrand is even, the substitution  $U = T/2$  in the limits enables the development of Davenport and Root<sup>4</sup> to be applied. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} E[\dot{r}_{zz}(0) \frac{\dot{r}_{zz}(0)}{T}] &= \frac{8}{T} \int_0^T \left[ 1 - \frac{\pi}{T} \right] \left[ R_{AA}(\tau) \dot{X}_{AA}(\tau) - \dot{X}_{AA}(\tau) \dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) \right] d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (5.54)$$

Finally,  $(\dot{R}_{zz}(0)/T)^2$  can be written

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \hat{R}_{zz}(0) \frac{\dot{r}_{zz}(0)}{T} \right)^2 &= \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} v_A(t) \dot{v}_A(t) dt \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} v_A(t) \dot{v}_A(t) - \dot{v}_A(t) \dot{v}_A(t) dt \right)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} (v_A(t)v_A(\tau)v_A(\tau) - v_A(t)\dot{v}_A(\tau)\dot{v}_A(\tau)) d\tau dt. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \frac{1}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left\{ v_A(t) \dot{\chi}_A(\tau) v_A(\tau) \dot{\chi}_A(\tau) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - v_A(t) \dot{\chi}_A(t) \dot{\chi}_A(\tau) v_A(\tau) - \dot{\chi}_A(t) \dot{v}_A(t) v_A(\tau) \dot{\chi}_A(\tau) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \dot{\chi}_A(t) \dot{v}_A(t) \dot{\chi}_A(\tau) v_A(\tau) \right\} dt d\tau . \tag{5.55}
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the expected value and using (4.24), (4.55), (4.19), (4.47), (4.50), (4.48), (4.51), and (4.46) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
E \left[ \left( \frac{\dot{\chi}_{ZZ}(0)}{J} \right)^2 \right] & = \frac{2}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left\{ 2 \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(0) - \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau-t) - \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) + \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau-t) \right\} dt d\tau . \tag{5.56}
\end{aligned}$$

Subtracting  $(R_{ZZ}(0)/J)^2 = (2R_{AA}(0))^2$  (see (3.24)) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
E \left[ \left( \frac{\dot{\chi}_{ZZ}(0)}{J} \right)^2 \right] & = \frac{2}{T^2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left\{ -\dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau-t) - \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) + \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau-t) \right\} dt d\tau . \tag{5.60}
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau-t) - \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau-t) + \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau-t) dt d\tau . \tag{5.57}$$

Since the integrand is even, the substitution  $U \sim t/2$  and the development of Davenport and Root<sup>4</sup> gives

$$\begin{aligned}
E \left[ \left( \frac{\dot{\chi}_{ZZ}(0)}{J} \right)^2 \right] & = \frac{4}{T} \int_0^T \left( 1 - \frac{\tau}{T} \right) \left\{ -\dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau) \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau) + \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau) \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau) + \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau) \right\} d\tau . \tag{5.58}
\end{aligned}$$

Using (5.49) and (5.54) to take the expected value of ('.43) gives, after simplification, the following approximate expression for the bias of Denenberg's estimate:

$$\begin{aligned}
E \left[ \hat{F} - F \right] & \approx \frac{2}{PT} \left[ \int_0^T \left( 1 - \frac{\tau}{T} \right) \left| F \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau) + T \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( R_{AA}(\tau) \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau) - \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau) \dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) \right) \right| d\tau \right] . \tag{5.59}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, (5.49), (5.54), and (5.58) can be used to take the expected value of (5.44). The result, after simplification, is the following approximate expression for the variance of Denenberg's estimator:

$$\begin{aligned}
E \left[ (\hat{F} - F)^2 \right] & \approx \frac{2}{PT} \left[ \int_0^T \left( 1 - \frac{\tau}{T} \right) \left| F^2 \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau) + T^2 \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - \frac{1}{\pi} \left| F R_{AA}(\tau) \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau) - T \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau) \dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) \right| \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{8\pi} \left\{ -R_{AA}(\tau) \dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) + \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau) - \dot{\chi}_{AA}(\tau) \dot{R}_{AA}(\tau) \right. \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \left. + \dot{\chi}_{AA}^2(\tau) \right\} \right| d\tau \right] . \tag{5.60}
\end{aligned}$$

Equations (5.59) and (5.60) are to be compared with the corresponding equations (5.37) and (5.39) for the proposed device. Since the relative performance of these estimators is not obvious from inspection of these equations, the proposed device was constructed in the laboratory and its performance was compared with analytical expressions for Denenberg's estimator.

CHAPTER VI  
LABORATORY MODEL.

In order to evaluate the performance of the proposed estimator, a laboratory model was constructed and tested under typical operating conditions. The purpose of this chapter is to enable the reader to duplicate the laboratory model, and to present the experimental results.

In the construction of the proposed device, two EIA model TR-20 analog computers were used. The analog computers performed all functions except generation of the narrow-band noise at the input, filtering of the quadrature detector outputs, and division of the integrator outputs. Wide-band gaussian noise was obtained from a General Radio noise source, and a G.R. Wave Analyzer was used as a narrow-band filter. The quadrature detector outputs were filtered by means of bridged-T RC filters to be discussed later. The integrator outputs were read on a digital voltmeter and later divided on a digital computer.

A block diagram of the laboratory model is shown in FIG. 15. Buffers are necessary at the multiplier input, because the multipliers present a non-linear load. Buffers are also necessary at the output of each T-notch filter, as the filters have high-impedance outputs.

Those who are familiar with the analog computer can duplicate the laboratory model directly from the block diagram of FIG. 11. Potentiometers may be inserted as convenient, in order to keep all signals levels below 10 volts

peak, to prevent saturation of the operational amplifiers. If a potentiometer is used at a multiplier input, it should be inserted ahead of the corresponding buffer.

The laboratory model can also be duplicated by referring to the illustration of a patch panel in FIG. 16. The rows have been labeled for reference, and the columns are already numbered on the panel.

Two such panels will be required. On panel number one, the following connections should be made: Q8-P1-D4-DB; P2-E4-E8; C4-M11; H6-V1-A11; V2-J4; L4-M12; A7-V6; B7-X7; G8-T13; H8-P10-V9; J8-V10; L8-T14; A13-P6; T12-P9; B11 through a 0.015 mfd capacitor to T11; B13 through a 0.27 mfd capacitor to M13, M13 through a 0.001 mfd capacitor to M14.

A 10-kHz T-notch filter is connected as follows: Input to L4, output to Q3, ground to H3. Another identical filter is connected as follows: Input to L5, output to W3, ground to H3. The input, output, and ground of a 20-kHz filter are connected to P4, Q5, and H3, respectively; another such filter is similarly connected to V4, W5, and H3. The audio oscillator is connected to V1, the narrow-band noise source to R7. The grounds on all equipment should be connected to H3. Three single jumper plugs are inserted at each of the three integrators, and double jumper plugs are inserted at operational amplifiers one through ten. Ten-kilohm resistors are inserted across operational amplifiers 12 and 13, but not across 11 and 14.

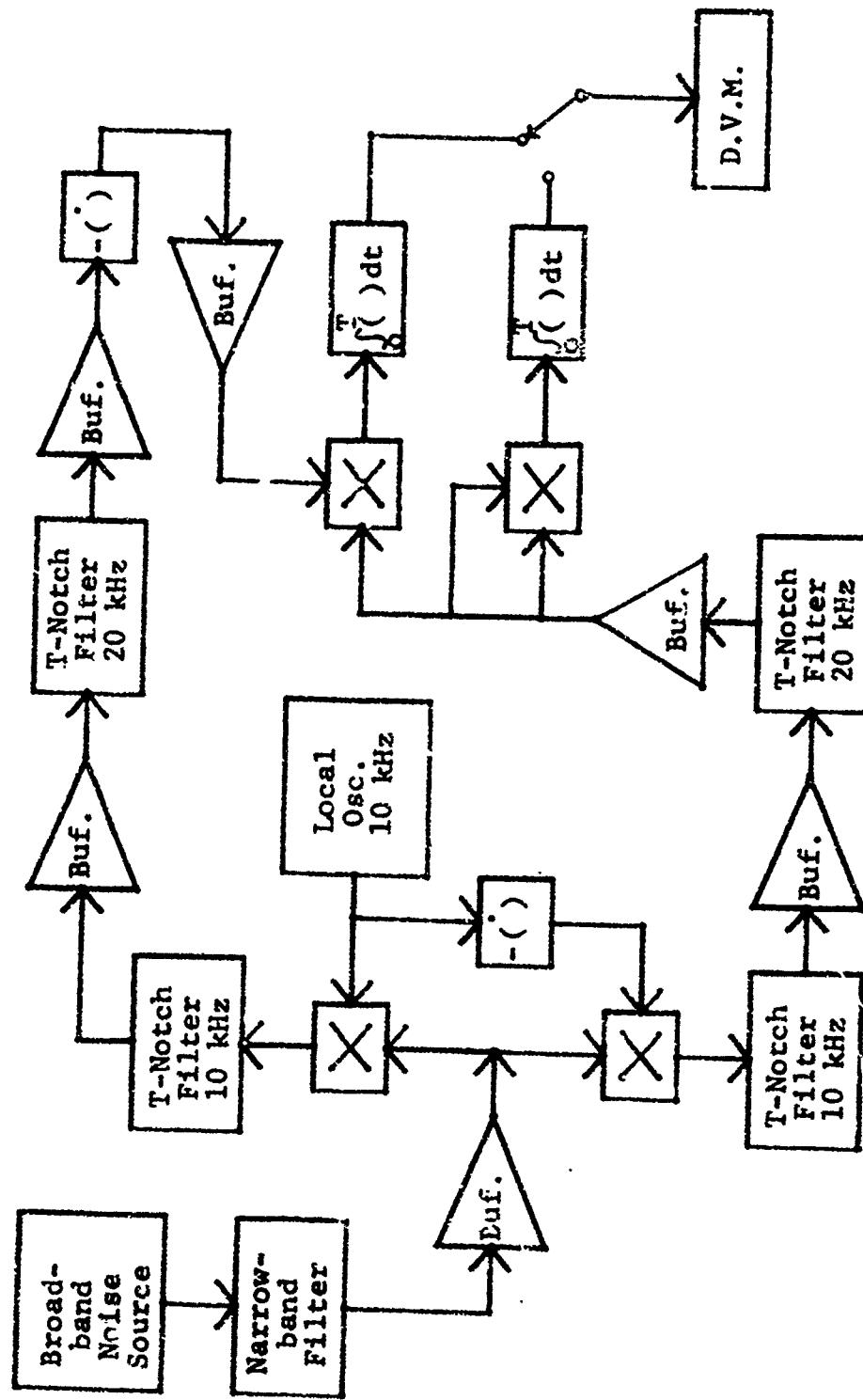


Fig. 15. Bl. ik Diagram of the Laboratory Model

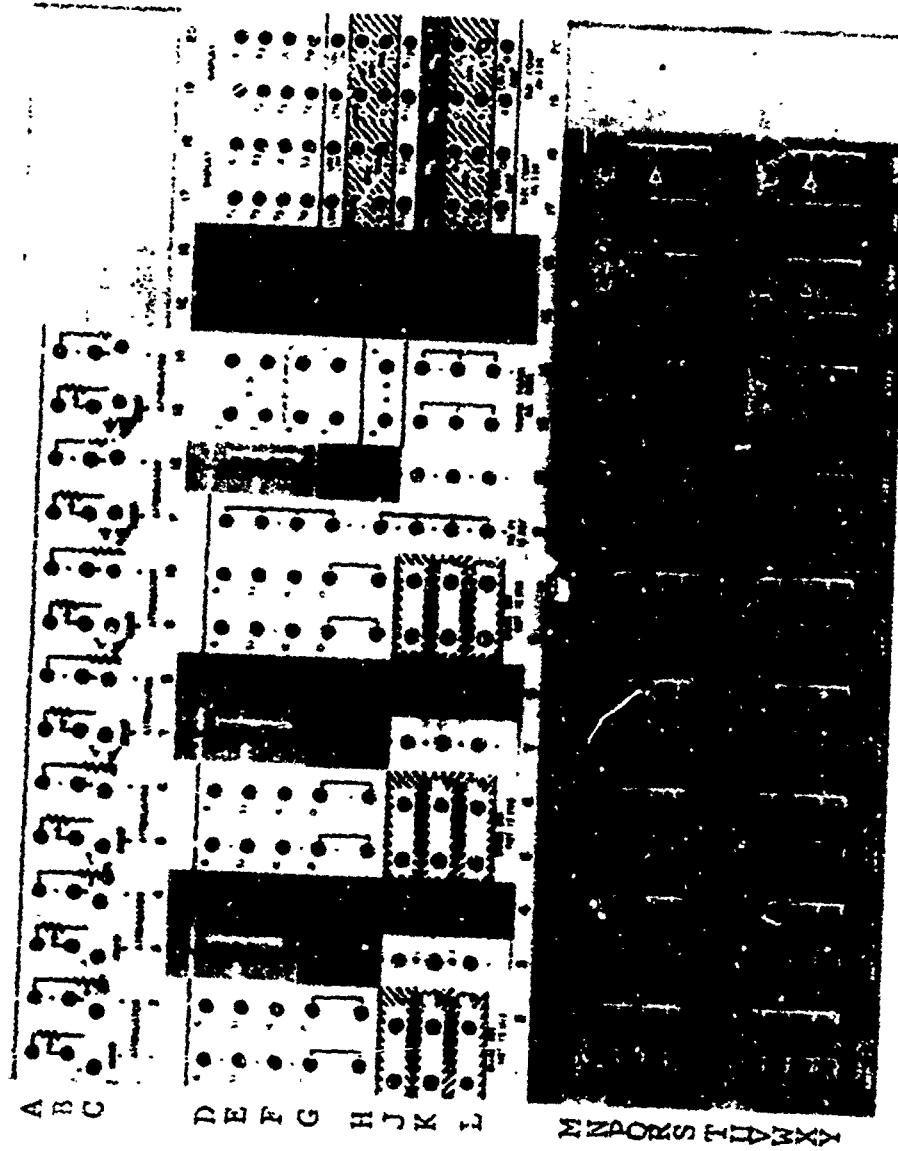


Fig. 16. Patch Panel of EAI Model TR-20 Analog Computer

On panel number TWC, the following connections should be made: A7-Q6; B7-Q7; Q4-W7; D1-M4; F1-M3; F1-F1-G3; G1-H4; D2-M6; E2-M5; D4-V4; E4-P2; G2-N6; C4-M11; D8-H8-H4-W1; F3-J8-J6-W2; G8-T11; T12-I8-P5; M12-J4-P3; Q2-V3. The grounds on all equipment are connected to H3. Three single jumper plugs are inserted at each of the three integrators, and double jumper plugs are inserted at all operational amplifiers one through ten, except three and five. Ten-kilohm resistors are inserted across all remaining operational amplifiers except 11 and 12. The numerator and denominator outputs are obtained by switching a digital voltmeter between amplifiers eight and seven, respectively.

Connect C3 on panel one to C3 on panel two, M14 on one to R1 on two, and V8 on one to W1 on two.

The settings of the three potentiometers are recorded with the laboratory data in Appendix B.

The T-notch filters are designed to reject 10-kHz and 20-kHz energy from the quadrature detector. A schematic diagram is shown in Fig. 17. The following equations apply to the filters.

$C_2 = 2C_1 = 2C_3$  (6.1)  
 $R_2 = R_3 = R_1/2$  (6.2)

$f = \frac{1}{2\pi R_1 C_1}$  (6.3)

where  $f$  is the frequency to be rejected. Two 10-kHz filters and two 20-kHz filters are required. R1 should be of the order of magnitude of 5,000 ohms. R2 and R3 are 1% tolerance

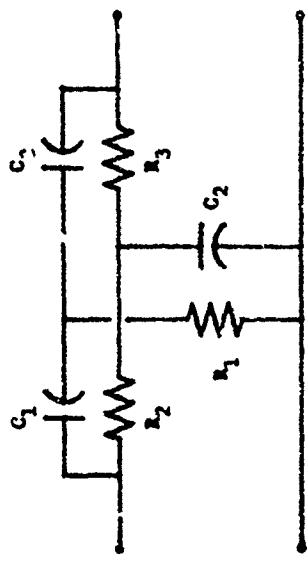


Fig. 17. T-Notch Filter (Four Required)

resistor, and a small potentiometer can be inserted in series with R1 to permit fine frequency adjustment. An accurate capacitance bridge should be used to select C1, 1.2, and C3 by hand to within a tolerance of one percent.

In operation, some overload lights on the analog computers are lit. Due to the relatively high frequencies involved, this does not necessarily mean that the operational amplifiers are being driven to saturation. The output of each operational amplifier should be observed with an oscilloscope, to make certain that no voltage exceeds 10 volts peak.

The two greatest difficulties encountered in the operation of the laboratory model were poor multiplier dynamic range and chopper noise. In order to overcome poor dynamic range, potentiometers were used to adjust the

multiplication input signals to values between 5 and 10 volts peak. A large change in the average frequency of the input necessitates readjustment of the signal levels.

Since the operational amplifiers are chopper-stabilized, noise is introduced into the system from this source. It is especially apparent at the output of the (negative) differentiator, a device which emphasizes high frequencies. Fortunately, the chopper noise is of very short duration and, therefore, causes only small errors at the integrator outputs.

Photographs of the waveforms at various points in the system are shown in Figs. 18 through 24. Fig. 18 shows the narrow-band input noise. Figure 19 shows the local oscillator signal and this signal shifted by 90 deg. This and all subsequent photographs were taken on a two-channel oscilloscope using the chopped mode. Figure 20 shows the two outputs of the quadrature detector before filtering. The 90-deg phase shift is apparent, and there is additive 10-kHz and 20-kHz energy. Figure 21 shows these same signals after filtering by the T-notch filters. Figure 22 shows the operation of the negative differentiator. The upper signal is its input and the lower signal its output. Figure 23 shows the output of the negative differentiator (top) and the second quadrature-detector output (bottom). This shows that, while the two quadrature-detector outputs differ in phase by 90 deg, they become in-phase when one is differentiated. Figure 24 shows the two integrator inputs. Note that one is

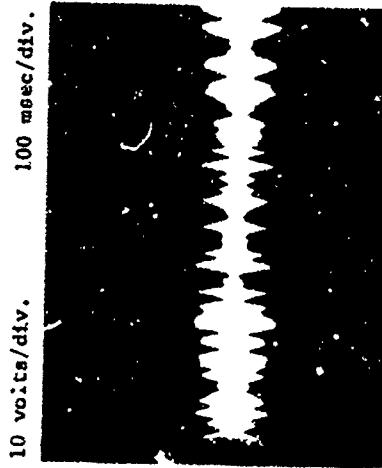


Fig. 18. Narrow-Band Input Noise



Fig. 18. Narrow-Band Input Noise

Fig. 19. Local Oscillator Signals

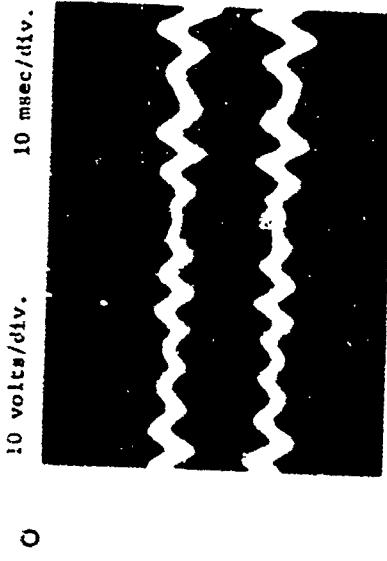


FIG. 20. Quadrature Detector Outputs Before Filtering

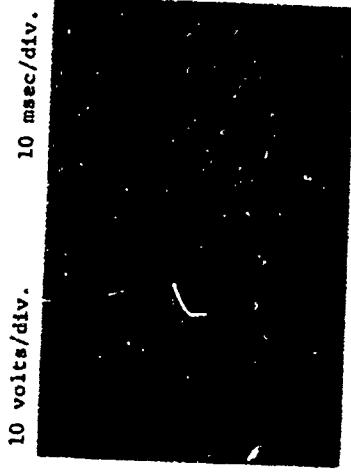


FIG. 22. Input and Output of Negative Differentiator

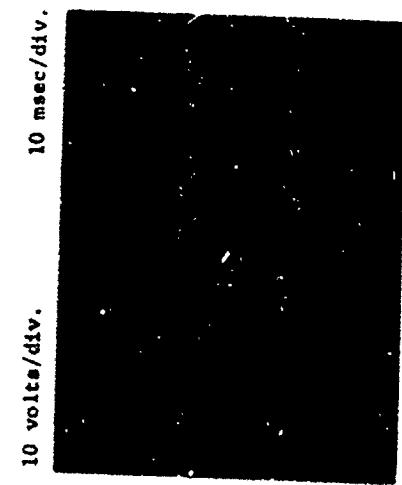


FIG. 21. Quadrature Detector Outputs After Filtering



FIG. 23. Output of Negative Differentiator Version  
Second Quadrature Detector Output

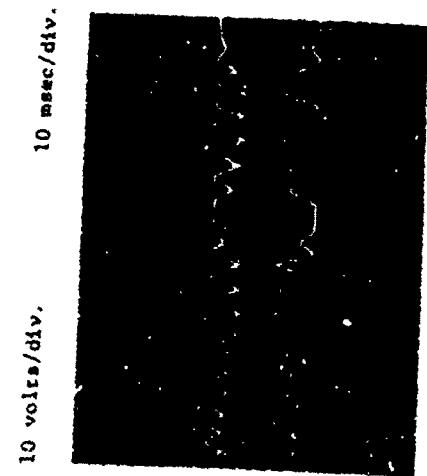


Fig. 24. Inputs to the Two Integrators

nearly a constant times the other. This explains why the process of division by a local estimate of the input power greatly reduces the variance of the estimate. It also provides some justification for introducing the alternate device in Chapter V, a device which divides before integration.

Figure 25 is a graph of the average quotient of the integrator outputs versus input average frequency. This graph demonstrates the linearity of the system. That is, the output is proportional to  $F - f_{10}$ , where  $f_{10}$  is the frequency of the local oscillator. The + signs in Fig. 25 show the observed values of the output versus  $F - f_{10}$ . The coefficient of correlation between these two variables is 0.9991. The solid line shows the straight line of best fit

10 volts/div.  
10 msec/div.

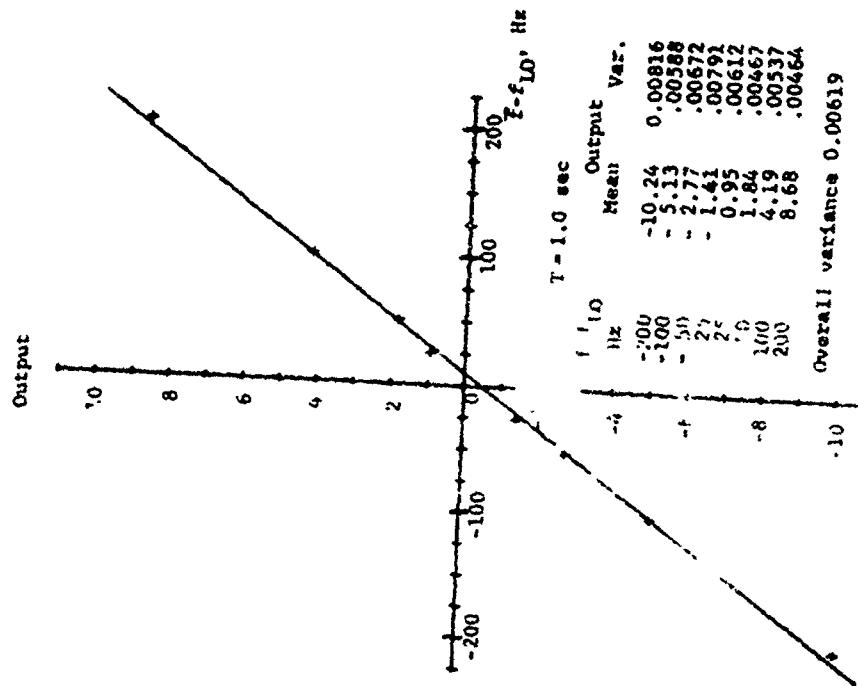


Fig. 25. Linearity of the Estimator

Overall variance 0.00619

$F - f_{10}, \text{Hz}$	Mean Output
-200	-10.24
-100	-5.13
-50	-2.77
0	-1.41
50	0.95
100	1.84
150	4.19
200	8.68

0.00816  
.00588  
.00672  
.00791

using the least squares criterion. This line has a slope of 0.04711 Hz<sup>-1</sup> and a y-intercept of -0.48625.

For each set of operating conditions (input average frequency and averaging time), at least 50 determinations of the two integrator outputs were made. These are recorded in Appendix B. It is obvious that the quotient has a much smaller variance than the numerator. Thus, the process of division greatly improves the signal-to-noise ratio of the estimate. For each of the first two runs, 100 determinations of the integrator outputs were made. A digital computer was used to calculate the running mean and variance of the quotient after each ten measurements. Examination of these results, which are given in Table 2, led to the conclusion that fifty runs provide a suitable basis for determining the mean and variance of the estimate. Fewer runs could have been used if only the mean were desired.

The overall variance for the eight sets of data at T = 1.0 sec is 0.00619. Since the slope of the graph in Fig. 25 is 0.04711 Hz<sup>-1</sup>, a variance of 0.00619 corresponds to 2.8 Hz<sup>2</sup>. The variance at T = 0.1 sec is 0.0714, which corresponds to 32 Hz<sup>2</sup>. In all cases, the input consisted of wideband noise colored by a filter whose frequency response is given in Table 3.

The laboratory results are easily compared with Denenberg's estimator. The formula for the variance of his estimate is<sup>7</sup>

$$E\{(\hat{F}-F)^2\} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f^2 S_{AA}(f+T) df - \int_0^T S_{AA}(f+T) df^2 \quad (6.4)$$

Carrying out the integrations by Simpson's Rule gives a variance of 2.66 Hz<sup>2</sup> for T = 1.0 sec and 26.6 Hz<sup>2</sup> at T = 0.1 sec. Thus, the variance of the proposed estimate is nearly the same as that of Denenberg's at ordinary averaging times (e.g., 1.0 sec); it becomes worse for small T (e.g., 0.1 sec).

Table 3. Frequency Response of Narrow-Band Filter

Displacement from Center Frequency, Hz	Relative Response, db	Displacement from Center Frequency, Hz	Relative Response, db
0	0.0	3	0.0
-17	-0.5	13	-0.5
-27	-1.3	23	-3.0
-37	-5.0	33	-7.8
	-10.0	43	-14.0
-47	-15.0	53	-20.0
-57	-21.0	63	-25.0
-67	-27.0	73	-30.0
-77	-31.0	83	-35.0
-87	-35.5	93	-39.0
-97	-39.0	103	-42.5
-107	-43.0	113	-45.5
-117	-46.5	123	-49.0
-127	-49.2	133	-52.0
-137	-52.5	143	-54.5
-147	-55.1	153	-57.0
-157	-57.5	163	-59.0
-167	-60.0	173	-61.2
-177	-62.5	183	-63.5
-187	-64.0	193	-65.0

## CHAPTER VII

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The field of radar meteorology provides a need for a device which measures the average frequency of a process. The literature search reveals that there are ways to design such a device. Estimators proposed by Bello, Ciciora, and Denenberg are considered in detail. It is found that, for a simple rectangular window function, the estimators of Bello and Denenberg are identical.

Ciciora's estimator is re-derived using the Hilbert Transform (Appendix A). This derivation also leads to a new proposed estimator. It is found that, if a divider is appended to Ciciora's device, the signal spectra in the proposed device and in Ciciora's device are virtually identical. For a flat input spectrum, the low frequency noise in the regulator of Denenberg's estimator is about 3 db below that of the other two devices; the low frequency noise in the denominator is the same.

All three devices are analyzed, and expressions are obtained for the autocorrelation functions and power spectral densities at every point in each device up to the output divider. The divider is separately analyzed, and general expressions are obtained for these functions. The analysis is not directly applicable to the proposed estimator, however, because the cross-correlation function at the divider inputs is unknown. Another device which has a

known cross-correlation function is introduced, in order to show how the divider analysis might be applied.

By means of a power series approximation to division, approximate expressions are obtained for the bias and the variance of Denenberg's estimator and the proposed estimator.

A laboratory model of the proposed device is constructed, and measurements of the output are made for eight different input average frequencies, using an integrating time of one second. Additional measurements are made at one frequency, using a time of one-tenth second. It is found that the output is proportional to average frequency. The variance of the estimate is calculated. For an integrating time of one second, the variance is found to be about the same as that of Denenberg's estimator, but for a time of one-tenth second, the variance of the proposed estimator is noticeably greater than that of Denenberg's.

The following conclusions can be drawn:

Ciciora's estimator as originally proposed<sup>2</sup> will have a smaller variance if the output is divided by  $\int_0^T \hat{A}^2(t) dt$ . In all three devices, the output divider will improve the signal-to-noise ratio.

Denenberg's estimator<sup>5</sup>, which was obtained by frequency-domain considerations, is also derivable from time-domain considerations when the Hilbert transform is used. A new, simpler estimator is similarly derivable by these same considerations.

In all three devices, the power spectral density and autocorrelation function at any point except the output are expressible in terms of these same functions at the input. The power spectral density and autocorrelation function at the output are expressible in terms of integrals involving these same functions at the input, and the cross-correlation functions for the two divider inputs. Equations (5.59) and (5.60) give approximate expressions for the bias and the variance of Denenberg's estimator; equations (5.37) and (5.39) similar, pertain to the proposed estimator. The bias and variance of both these estimators depend on the autocorrelation function of the input. The expressions for the bias and variance of Denenberg's estimator contain terms similar to those in the expressions for the proposed estimator. In many cases, where (5.37) and (5.39) contain an autocorrelation or cross-correlation function, (5.59) and (5.60) contain the average of that function and its Hilbert transform.

In terms of estimator variance, the performance of Ciciora's device, with a divider appended, depends upon the phase shift of the specialized filter, and is best when the filter has zero phase shift.

The performance of the proposed device is very close to that of Ciciora's, using a divider and a specialized filter of zero phase shift.

The performance of Denenberg's device is better than that of the other two devices. However, for a typical input

signal having a 6 db bandwidth of 60 Hz, and for an averaging time of 1.0 second, the variance of the proposed estimator is  $2.8 \text{ Hz}^2$ , while that of Denenberg's is  $2.66 \text{ Hz}^2$ . At  $T = 0.1$  second, the proposed estimator has a variance of  $32 \text{ Hz}^2$ , compared with  $26.6 \text{ Hz}^2$  for Denenberg's device.

For very long averaging times, all three estimators are asymptotically perfect. That is, the bias and the variance of each estimate approach zero as  $T$  approaches infinity. Furthermore, if the phase shift of Ciciora's specialized filter is zero, then, for any  $T$ , all of the estimators are asymptotically perfect as the bandwidth of the input signal approaches zero.

The proposed device should find use in radar meteorology, because it has the advantages of being relatively simple and requiring no difficult-to-synthesize filters. The following is suggested for future research:

Investigate the possibility of synthesizing, approximately, Ciciora's filter with zero phase shift. Obtain approximate expressions for the bias and the variance of his estimate, in terms of the input autocorrelation function, as was done for the other two devices.

Determine, if possible, the cross-correlation functions at the divider inputs of all three devices, so that the divider analysis of Chapter V can be applied without making use of the power series approximation.

Investigate the possibility of extending the proposed device to estimate the bandwidth, as well as the average frequency, of the input process.

APPENDIX A  
THE HILBERT TRANSFORM

Let  $x(t)$  be a real function of time. Then the Hilbert transform of  $x(t)$ , denoted  $\hat{x}(t)$ , is defined by

$$\hat{x}(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x(\tau)}{t-\tau} d\tau \quad (A-1)$$

Using the convolution notation, this is

$$x(t) * x(\tau) * \frac{1}{\pi t} \quad (A-2)$$

Thus a Hilbert transform has impulse response  $h(t) = 1/\pi t$  as shown in Fig. 26.

The transfer function  $H(j\omega)$  is found from

$$\begin{aligned} H(j\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-j\omega t}}{t} dt \quad (A-3) \end{aligned}$$

Breaking this into two integrals gives

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-j\omega t}}{t} dt + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-j\omega t}}{t} dt \quad (A-4)$$

Substituting  $x = -t$  and reversing the limits in the first integral gives

For  $\omega > 0$ ,

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{12}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \right] = j \quad (A-7)$$

while for  $\omega < 0$ ,

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{12}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \right] = -j \quad (A-8)$$

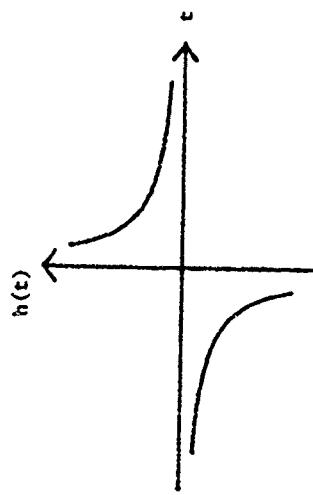


FIG. 26. Impulse Response of a Hilbert Transform Network

$$\begin{aligned} H(j\omega) &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{j\omega x}}{x} dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-j\omega x}}{x} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{j\omega x} - e^{-j\omega x}}{x} dt \quad (A-5) \end{aligned}$$

Writing this as a sine gives

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{12}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \omega x}{x} dx \quad (A-6)$$

Figure 27 shows the transfer function  $H(j\omega)$ .

The Hilbert transform of  $\cos \omega t$  is  $\sin \omega t$  for  $\omega > 0$  and  
 $-\sin \omega t$  for  $\omega < 0$ .

It can be shown<sup>9</sup> that

$$\hat{x}(t) = -x(t) \quad (A-9)$$

The analytic signal associated with  $x(t)$  is defined by

$$z(t) = x(t) + j\hat{x}(t) \quad (A-10)$$

It can be shown<sup>9</sup> that if  $S_{xx}(f)$  is the power spectral density of  $x(t)$  and  $S_{zz}(f)$  is that of  $z(t)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} S_{zz}(f) &= 4 S_{xx}(f) & f &> 0 \\ &= 0 & f &< 0 \end{aligned} \quad (A-11)$$

Thus the analytic signal has a one-sided spectrum.

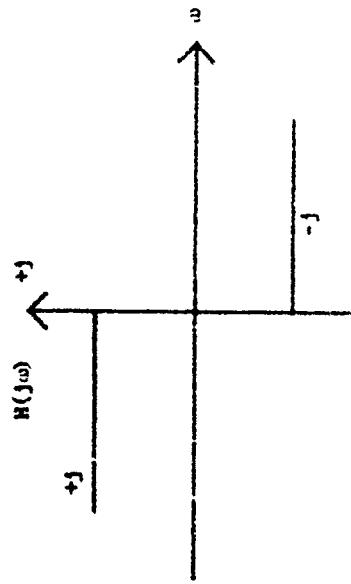


Fig. 27. Transfer Function of a Hilbert Transform Network

**APPENDIX B**  
RAW LAB DATA

In the tables below, N and D represent the numerator and denominator outputs in millivolts, respectively. In all cases, due to the settings of the potentiometers, D should be multiplied by 0.616. However, if this is not done the results will not change. A new scale will merely be obtained in the calibration curve of FIG. 25.

$T = 1.0 \text{ sec}; f_{LO} = 10,100 \text{ Hz}$

Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 132

N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D
Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 132													
1391	1463	1269	1185	1461	1395	1339	1258	1542	1451	2070	1822	1348	1196
1628	1521	1325	1237	1653	1544	1538	1419	1678	1557	1834	1754	1472	1358
1401	1337	1507	1415	1548	1477	1430	1365	1230	1142	1439	1279	881	737
1569	1494	1369	1249	1407	1326	1326	1576	1468	1343	1708	1581	1176	1158
1313	1237	1219	1160	1336	1274	1278	1190	1190	1190	1938	1777	1739	1614
1523	1407	1564	1457	1502	1409	1444	1359	1488	1424	2062	1850	1940	1788
178	1681	1341	1248	1366	1238	1328	1532	1497	1500	1665	1600	956	861
1261	1172	1561	1464	1410	1340	1666	1590	1862	1750	1203	1039	2170	1849
1619	1528	1596	1533	1454	1398	1537	1453	1394	1394	1915	1734	175	1327
1300	1192	1372	1285	1421	1369	1460	1360	1346	1290	2679	2799	1454	1353
1474	1392	1443	1341	1224	1158	1654	1594	1292	1292	1021	956	1181	1219
1481	1387	1275	1235	1546	1451	1708	1635	1792	1674	1117	1226	1017	1154
1619	1481	1412	1322	1460	1382	1580	1515	1464	1352	1114	1276	1292	1486
1379	1275	1488	1387	1629	1531	1256	1196	1429	1362	971	1130	1163	1295
1518	1615	1410	1344	1523	1376	1376	1310	1680	1593	968	1088	1037	1231
1211	1140	1559	1453	1157	1107	1225	1163	1488	1411	1283	1479	1225	1386
1578	1468	1659	1565	1616	1520	1539	1468	1400	1344	1178	1342	1118	1327
1356	1267	1437	1353	1534	1408	1445	1366	1481	1397	1152	1308	1265	1479
1719	1636	1460	1314	1563	1425	1470	1406	1609	1486	1373	1518	1475	1193
1463	1354	1459	1357	1256	1179	1296	1202	1452	1370	1107	1273	1230	1426
										1161	1348	1284	1450

$T = 0.1 \text{ sec}; F = 10,000 \text{ Hz}; f_{LO} = 10,100 \text{ Hz}$

Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 132

-N	D	-N	D	-N	D	-N	D	-N	D	-N	D	-N	D
Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 132													
1117	1226	1017	1154	1380	1571	1382	1542	1298	1470	1114	1276	1292	1486
1114	1276	1292	1486	1409	1620	1222	1388	1056	1219	971	1130	1163	1295
971	1130	1163	1295	1346	1522	1081	1268	1035	1212	968	1088	1112	1281
968	1088	1037	1231	973	1112	1112	1112	1099	1276	1283	1479	1225	1386
1283	1479	1225	1386	1172	1355	1172	1355	1172	1381	1161	1348	1284	1450

$T = 1.0 \text{ sec}; F = 10,000 \text{ Hz}; f_{LO} = 9,900 \text{ Hz}$

$T = 1.0 \text{ sec}; T = 10,000 \text{ Hz}; f_{L0} = 9,800 \text{ Hz}$

Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 069

-N	D								
1323	1409	1241	1321	1406	1570	1262	1357	1282	1362
1371	1568	1364	1454	1438	1536	1306	1380	1526	1611
1475	1567	1445	1536	1479	1572	1298	1373	1311	1389
1369	1461	1419	1529	1265	1322	1289	1304	1304	1301
1306	1382	1492	1565	1120	1215	1576	1663	1264	1123
1171	1263	1433	1533	1581	1675	1446	1431	1397	1465
1225	1304	1319	1395	1414	1484	1246	1438	1473	1564
1331	1292	1450	1545	1249	1332	1389	1457	1367	1458
1475	1592	1302	1393	1680	1788	1488	1554	1396	1679
1491	1594	1219	1296	1267	1331	1591	1693	1405	1506

$T = 1.0 \text{ sec}; T = 10,000 \text{ Hz}; f_{L0} = 10,200 \text{ Hz}$

Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 369

N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D
1358	1228	1534	1395	1477	1339	1769	1604	1861	1664
1816	1627	1729	1672	1630	1466	1688	1534	1704	1528
1371	1246	1619	1593	1504	1383	1692	1505	1803	1645
1322	1546	1598	1438	1796	1605	1889	1723	1451	1311
1692	1692	1997	1791	1672	1502	1387	1692	1950	1415
1875	1679	1582	1415	1639	1476	1999	1789	1555	1397
2061	1867	1796	1619	1632	1470	1770	1536	1561	1381
1795	1607	1706	1507	1651	1493	1697	1716	1767	1615
1442	1295	1481	1322	2021	1812	1685	1529	1739	1562
1768	1552	1796	1622	1712	1516	1715	1560	1723	1564

$T = 1.0 \text{ sec}; T = 10,000 \text{ Hz}; f_{L0} = 9,950 \text{ Hz}$

Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 132

N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D
481	1198	481	1288	487	1258	666	18016	591	1391
537	1502	548	1676	464	141	521	144	615	624
440	1204	612	1553	497	1304	606	1645	555	364
524	137	496	1253	587	1575	517	1335	590	1581
570	1361	621	1679	523	1386	518	1376	671	1761
339	1352	466	1259	608	1565	679	1670	559	1446
522	1458	656	1159	566	1557	539	1391	659	655
917	1450	585	1580	587	1515	551	1494	612	1513
322	1417	658	157	594	1514	565	1435	557	1540
619	1204	511	165	585	1638	585	1540	584	1541

$T = 1.0 \text{ sec}; T = 10,000 \text{ Hz}; f_{L0} = 10,050 \text{ Hz}$

Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 132

N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D
887	1484	976	1671	950	1661	962	1711	720	1343
888	1520	804	1465	796	1465	853	1492	669	1202
1029	1833	1029	956	1635	889	1550	874	912	1533
822	1429	846	1484	791	1395	880	1558	836	1530
772	1343	311	1443	861	1489	858	1464	957	1639
866	1478	964	1624	726	1284	991	1793	10	1554
898	1601	816	1416	810	1404	854	1562	117	1547
843	1441	797	1410	773	1348	920	1501	759	1459
877	1541	839	1385	802	1423	928	1497	935	1642
843	1432	1018	1737	1036	1744	757	1306	76	1360

$T = 1.0 \text{ sec}; T = 10,000 \text{ Hz}; f_{L0} = 9,975 \text{ Hz}$

Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 376

N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D
874	1590	863	1605	1069	1635	892	1450	746	1549
1032	1667	861	1542	1061	1719	908	1612	912	1404
791	1313	810	1328	970	1521	923	1551	709	1366
967	1524	922	1611	804	1606	747	1413	950	1797
976	1600	832	1485	899	1687	1009	1634	886	1581
894	1412	843	1490	783	1637	823	1551	752	1659
709	1296	1047	1964	971	1612	969	1639	874	1711
817	1567	750	1202	839	1344	875	1473	973	1579
954	1805	818	1353	792	1537	977	1592	860	1515
811	1693	891	1722	768	1425	861	1483	1002	1652

$T = 1.0 \text{ sec}; T = 10,000 \text{ Hz}; f_{L0} = 16,025 \text{ Hz}$

Potentiometers set at 299, 134, 378

N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D
1124	1397	1367	1652	1133	1278	1269	1674	112	112
1425	1635	1477	1632	1109	1365	1463	1624	1281	1510
1336	1624	1244	1562	1171	1334	1234	1521	1373	1543
1524	1647	1525	1750	1206	1469	1228	1570	1133	1212
1158	1542	1175	1264	1166	1483	1092	1465	1226	1506
1437	1650	1206	1517	1437	1637	1004	1394	1111	412
1337	1377	1070	1335	1184	1493	1217	1512	1076	363
1356	1253	1253	1581	1415	1469	1282	1478	1365	1612
1072	1305	1372	1567	1224	1451	1086	1343	1221	1221
1407	1778	1179	1436	1366	1566	1276	1568	1507	1745

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