

\* A modulator has an input (modulated signal)  $x(t)$  and the output is

$$y(t) = x(t) \sin([2\pi f_c]t) \quad \text{AM}$$

where  $f_c$  is the carrier frequency.

Is it linear?  $\omega_c = 2\pi f_c$

Answer: Yes, it's a linear system

Proof: Input  $\longrightarrow$  Output

$$x_1(t) \longrightarrow y_1(t) = x_1(t) \sin \omega_c t$$

$$x_2(t) \longrightarrow y_2(t) = x_2(t) \sin \omega_c t$$

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$

$$\alpha_1 y_1(t) + \alpha_2 y_2(t) =$$

$$(\alpha_1 x_1(t) + \alpha_2 x_2(t)) \sin \omega_c t$$

$x(t) = \alpha_1 x_1(t) + \alpha_2 x_2(t)$   
linear comb.  
of inputs

$$y(t) = x(t) \sin \omega_c t = (\alpha_1 x_1(t) + \alpha_2 x_2(t)) \sin \omega_c t$$