

Experiment No. 1

Aim: To establish analog link using Optical Fiber.

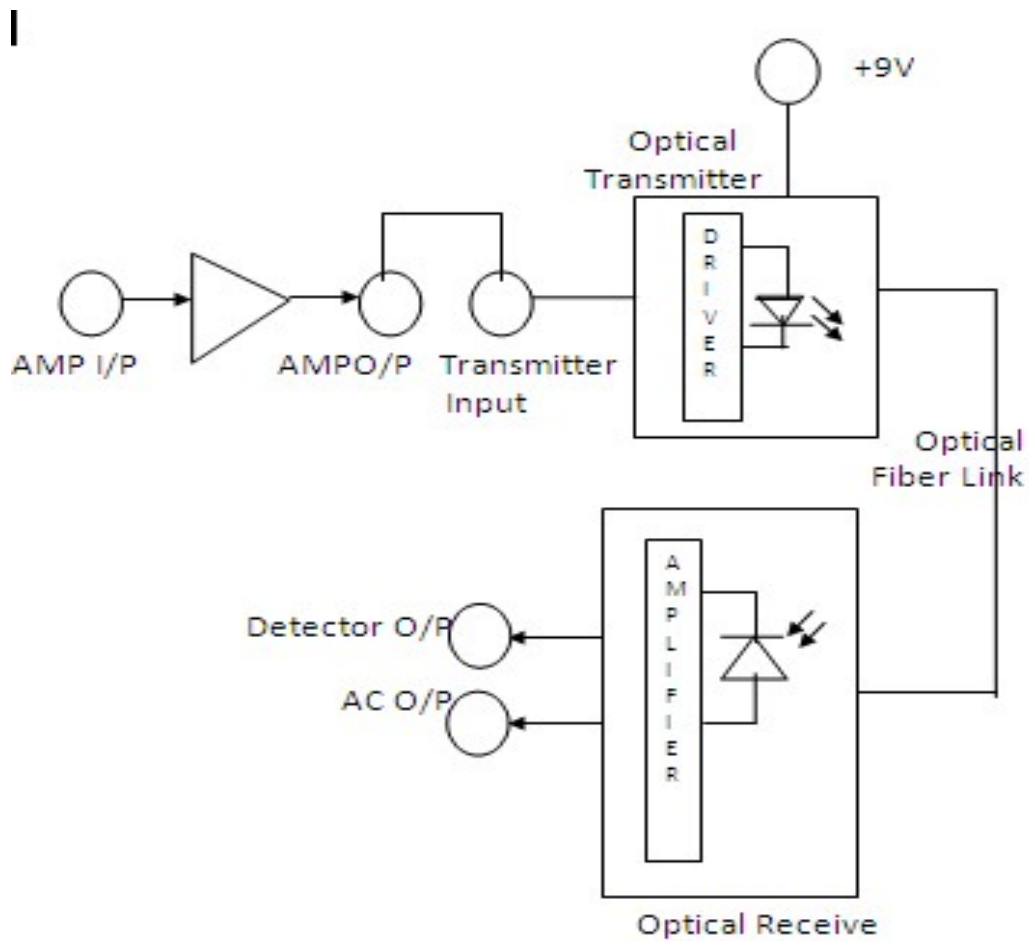
Objectives: i) To get familiar with Optical fiber trainer kits.

ii) To observe transmission & reception of analog signal through OF.

iii) To measure analog bandwidth of OFC link.

Equipment/Components: Kit-1 and Kit-2, CRO, Function generator, 1 Meter fiber cable, etc.

Circuit/Block Diagram:



BLOCK DIAGRAM FOR SETTING UP AN ANALOG LINK

Theory: Fiber Optic Link can be used for transmission of analog as well as digital signals. Basically fiber optic link contains three main elements, a transmitter, an optical fiber and a receiver. The transmitter module takes the input signal in electrical form and then transmits it into optical (light) energy containing the same information. The optical fiber is a medium which carries this energy to the receiver. At the receiver, light is converted back into electrical form with the same pattern as originally fed to the transmitter.

Transmitter: Fiber optic transmitters are typically composed of a buffer, driver & optical source. The buffer electronics provided both an electrical connection & isolation between the transmitter & the electrical system supplying the data. The driver electronics provides electrical power to the optical source in a fashion that duplicates the pattern of data being fed to the transmitter. Finally

to the optical source (LED) converts the electrical current to light energy with the same pattern. The LED SFH450V supplied with kit operates outside the visible light spectrum. Its optical output is centered at near infrared wavelength of 950nm. The emission spectrum is broad, so a faint red glow can usually be seen when the LED is on in a dark room. The LED SFH450V used in the kit 1 is coupled to the transistor driver in a common emitter mode. The driver is preceded by the amplifier buffer. The amplifier in this case is a LM741 operational amplifier configured as a voltage follower. Thus LED emits constant intensity of light. When the signal is applied to the amplifier it overrides the DC level at the base of the transistor which causes the Q point of the transistor to oscillate above the midpoint. So the intensity of the LED varies about its previous constant value. This variation in the intensity has linear relation with the input electrical signal. Optical signal is then coupled to optical fiber by means of connector.

Receiver: The function of the receiver is to convert the optical energy into electrical form which is then conditioned to reproduce the transmitted electrical signal in its original form. The detector SFH250V used in the kit 2 has a diode type output. The parameters usually considered in the case of detector are its responsivity at peak wavelength & response time. SFH250V has responsivity of about $4\mu\text{A}$ per $10\mu\text{W}$ of incident optical energy at 950nm and it has rise & fall time of $0.01\mu\text{Sec}$. PIN photodiode is normally reverse biased. When optical signal falls on the diode, reverse current starts to flow, thus diode acts as a closed switch and in the absence of light intensity, it acts as an open switch. Since PIN diode usually has low responsivity, a trans impedance amplifier is used to convert this reverse current into voltage. This voltage is then amplified with the help of another amplifier circuit. This voltage is the duplication of the transmitted electrical signal.

Procedure:

1. Slightly unscrew the cap of IR LED SFH 450v from kit 1. Do not remove the cap from the connector. Once the cap is loosened, insert the fiber into the cap and assure that the fiber is properly fixed. Now tighten the cap by screwing it back.
2. Connect the power supply cables with proper polarity to kit 1 and kit 2 while connecting this, ensure that the power supply is off.
3. Connect the signal generator between the AMP input and GND posts in kit 1 to feed the analog signal to the preamplifier.
4. Keep the signal generator in sign wave mode and select the frequency of 1KHz with amplitude of 2VP-P (Max input level is 4VP-P).

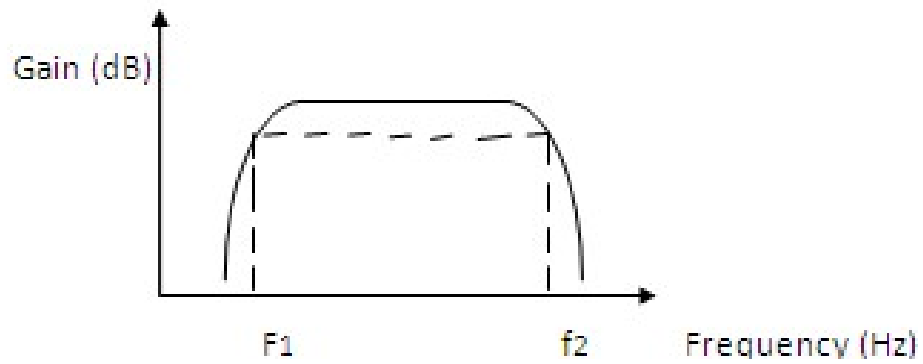
5. Switch on the power supply and signal generator.
6. Check the output signal of the pre-amplifier at the post AMP output in kit 1. It should be same as that of the applied input signal.
7. Now rotate the Optical Power Control pot P1 located below power supply connector in kit 1 in anticlockwise direction. This ensures minimum current flow through LED.
8. Short the following posts in kit 1 with links provided.
 - a) -9V and +9V. This ensures supply to the transmitter.
 - b) AMP Output and Transmitter Input.
9. Connect the other end of the fiber to detector SFH250V in kit 2 very carefully as per the instruction in step 1.
10. Ensure that the jumper located just above IC U1 in kit 2 is shorted to pin 2 and pin 3. Shorting of the jumper allows the connection of the PIN diode to trans-impedance amplifier stage.
11. Observe the output signal from the detector at the DETECTOR output post on CRO by adjusting optical power control pot P1 in kit 1 and you should get the reproduction of the original transmitted signal. Note: same output signal is available at post AC output in kit 2 without any DC component.
12. To measure the analog bandwidth of the link, keep the same connection and vary the frequency of the output signal from 100 Hz onwards. Measure the amplitude of the received signal for each frequency reading.
13. Plot a graph of gain v/s frequency. Measure the frequency range for which the response is flat.

Observation Table:

Input Voltage (V1) = Volts

Sr. No.	Input Frequency (V1)	Output Frequency (V2)	Gain = $10 \log \left(\frac{V2}{V1} \right)$
1			
2			
3			

Nature of graph:



Calculations: Bandwidth = $f_2 - f_1$ Hz

Result:

Conclusion: