

7. PRACTICAL CONDITIONS FOR CLASS A AND CLASS B INTERFERENCE

In our preceding analyses we have postulated limiting forms of interference which are strictly Class A or Class B, neglecting the very small contributions of the associated other components (e.g. Class B where Class A is said to occur, etc.). Here we shall establish quantitative conditions which permit us to neglect these other-component effects and to assert that our analytical forms may be applied to the corresponding physical situation, e.g., essentially only Class A, or Class B noise is present.

To do this we start with the relation (2.52) for the general Class C interference and use the results [Eqs. (2.77), (2.78)] for Class A, [Eqs. (2.90), (2.93)] for Class B, to write

$$\hat{F}_1(ir)_{C+G} = \hat{F}_1(ir)_{A+G} \hat{F}_1(ir)_B \quad (7.1a)$$

$$= e^{-A_A} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_A^m}{m!} e^{-(m/A_A + \Gamma'_A)\Omega_{2A} r^2/2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} e^{-b_{1\alpha} A_B r - b_{2\alpha} A_B r^2/2} : (\hat{F}_{1-I}) ; \\ e^{-A_B \cdot \exp(A_B e^{-b_{2\alpha} r^2/2})} : (\hat{F}_{1-II}) \end{array} \right\}, \quad (7.1b)$$

where we include σ_G^2 , (2.47), in the Class A form ($\sim \Gamma'_A$) here.

When Class A noise heavily predominates, we use the transformation $r = a_A \lambda$, cf. (3.3) et seq., and expand the Class B components of the c.f., to get the pair of approximations

$$\hat{F}_1(ia_A \lambda)_{A+G} = e^{-A_A} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_A^m}{m!} \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} e^{-[(m/A_A + \Gamma'_A)\Omega_{2A} + b_{2\alpha} A_B] a_A^2 \lambda^2/2} \left\{ 1 - b_{1\alpha} A_A a_A^\alpha \lambda^\alpha + O(\lambda^{-\alpha}) \right\} \\ \text{and} \\ e^{-[(m/A_A + \Gamma'_A)\Omega_{2A} + b_{2\alpha} A_B] a_A^2 \lambda^2/2} \left\{ 1 + b_{2\alpha}^2 A_B \frac{a_A^4 \lambda^4}{8} + \dots \right\} \end{array} \right\}. \quad (7.2)$$

For this to reduce to the principal form (3.5), we have at once the two pairs of conditions

Class A:

$$\frac{b_{2\alpha} A_B}{\Omega_{2A}} = \left(\frac{4-\alpha}{2-\alpha}\right) \frac{\langle \hat{B}_{OB}^2 \rangle_{A_B}}{\langle \hat{B}_{OA}^2 \rangle_{A_A}} (1+2\sigma_G^2/A_A \langle \hat{B}_{OA}^2 \rangle)^{-1} \ll \Gamma'_A, \quad (7.3a)$$

with

$$\left\{ \frac{b_{1\alpha} A_\alpha}{[2\Omega_A(1+\Gamma'_A)]^{\alpha/2}} = \frac{\Gamma(1-\alpha/2) \langle \hat{B}_{OB}^\alpha \rangle_{A_B}}{2^{\alpha-1} \Gamma(1+\alpha/2) [2\Omega_A(1+\Gamma'_A)]^{\alpha/2}} \ll 1, \right. \quad (7.3b)$$

for $\mathcal{E} < \mathcal{E}_B$:

and

$$\left\{ \frac{b_{2\alpha}^2 A_B}{[2\Omega_A(1+\Gamma'_A)]^2} = \left(\frac{4-\alpha}{2-\alpha}\right)^2 \frac{\langle \hat{B}_{OB}^2 \rangle_{A_B}^2}{[2\Omega_A(1+\Gamma'_A)]^2} \ll 1, \text{ for } \mathcal{E} > \mathcal{E}_B \right. \quad (7.3c)$$

From (2.37), (2.38), we also note that $A_{A,B} = \gamma_\infty \bar{T}_s(A,B)$. Equation (7.3a) is usually the weaker condition and (7.3b,c) the stronger, with the Impulsive Indexes $A_{A,B}$ not too large. A useful, rough rule for considering the interference to be Class A only is, in effect, the condition $A_B \ll A_A$, or $\bar{T}_{sB} \ll \bar{T}_{sA}$, the latter representing the fact that the amount of time, on the average, that the Class A component is present, is much larger than that for the Class B term, a not at all surprising condition from an intuitive viewpoint. The conditions ($\ll 1, \Gamma'_A$) in (7.3) are, of course, matters of judgment, usually $0(10^{-2}, 10^{-3})$ is sufficient, unless we are concerned with the very rare events, i.e., extremely large values of \mathcal{E} . In general, we shall adopt the stricter conditions (7.3b,c). (We shall pursue the detailed anatomy of these and the Class B conditions further in a later study.)

When Class B noise is heavily dominant, on the other hand, we rewrite (7.1b) to include the independent gaussian component embodied in Γ'_A with $\hat{F}_1(i a_B \lambda)_B$, (2.90) and (2.93), so that we have now for the Class A contribution

$$\hat{F}_1(ia_B\lambda)_A \doteq e^{-A_A a_B^2 \langle \hat{B}_{oA}^2 \rangle \lambda^2 / 4 + O(\lambda^4)} = 1 - \frac{A_A \langle \hat{B}_{oA}^2 \rangle \lambda^2}{8\Omega_B (1+\Gamma_B)} + O(\lambda^4) . \quad (7.4)$$

Accordingly, we get

$$\hat{F}_1(ia_B\lambda)_{B+G} \doteq [\text{Eqs. (2.90) and (2.93)}] , \quad (7.5)$$

provided the single condition

Class B:

$$\frac{A_A \langle \hat{B}_{oA}^2 \rangle}{8\Omega_{2B} (1+\Gamma'_B)} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{2-\alpha}{4-\alpha} \right) \frac{\langle \hat{B}_{oA}^2 \rangle_{A_A}}{\langle \hat{B}_{oB}^2 \rangle_{A_B}} \cdot \left[1 + \sigma_G^2 / 2 \left(\frac{4-\alpha}{2-\alpha} \right) \hat{B}_{oB}^2 A_B \right]^{-1} \ll 1 \quad (7.6)$$

is obeyed. Again, the simple, intuitively obvious condition is that $A_A \ll A_B$ (or $\bar{T}_{sA} \ll \bar{T}_{sB}$): the Class B interference is "on" for a much longer period than the Class A component. The amount of Class A noise is negligible vis-à-vis the Class B contribution. As expected, this condition is, not unexpectedly, just the reverse of that (roughly) required for Class A dominance. [Note, too, that the more precise condition (7.6) is a kind of inverse of conditions (7.3b,c) above for the Class A cases.]