

Analog predistortion linearizer for high-power RF amplifiers

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We have developed an analog predistortion linearizer for a high-power amplifier of a code-division multiple-access (CDMA) base station. To effectively suppress the spectral regrowth in the adjacent channels, the odd-order intermodulation distortions (IMDs) should be cancelled. To accomplish this purpose, we employed a predistorter, which can cancel the third and fifth IMDs independently. The implemented predistorter linearized the RF amplifier with an average power of 45 dBm at 2.37-2.4-GHz band. A 9-dB suppression of spectral regrowth, from 33 to 42 dBc, was achieved for the CDMA signal with an 8.192-Mc/s chip rate over a 30-MHz bandwidth.

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