

[54] AUDIO AMPLIFIER WITH PHASE MODULATED PULSE WIDTH MODULATION

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[57] ABSTRACT

In a digitally controlled amplifier circuit a dc power source is modulated by an oscillator signal for producing a reference square wave signal. A sawtooth signal, double the frequency of the reference signal and synchronized therewith, is compared with a variable input signal to be amplified. When the sawtooth exceeds the input signal a phase shifted version of the reference signal, shifted in phase in accord with the instantaneous amplitude of the variable signal is produced. A switching circuit logically governed by the reference and phase shifted signals produce a pulse width modulated output signal of a selected polarity. An output filter smooths the pulse width modulated output signal and steering diodes control the polarity of the switching circuit.

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