

**Example 3-6:** If  $f_{\Delta}$  is decreased from 20 Hz to 9 Hz, we see in Fig. ??(a,b) that the envelope of the 200-Hz tone changes much more slowly. The time interval between nulls (zeros) of the envelope is one-half of the period of the  $f_{\Delta}$  sinusoid,  $\frac{1}{2}(1/f_{\Delta})$ , so the more closely spaced the frequencies of the sinusoids in (??), the slower the envelope variation. Figures ?? and ?? are simplified somewhat by using zero-phase cosines for both terms in (??), but other phase relationships would give similar patterns. Finally, note that for  $x(t)$  in Fig. ?? the spectrum contains frequency components at  $\pm 220$  Hz and  $\pm 180$  Hz, while for the signal in Fig. ?? the spectrum has frequencies  $\pm 209$  Hz and  $\pm 191$  Hz.

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