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ELG3175 Introduction to Communication Systems

Lecture 15

Binary and M-ary Pulse Modulation



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Digital system

- A source produces digital symbols for transmission (bits, bytes etc).
- Multiple sources can be time division multiplexed (TDM).







Binary Pulse Modulation



- We consider two different types of binary pulse modulation: Pulse amplitude modulation (PAM) and pulse position modulation (PPM)
- We assume that the source is producing data in the form of a binary sequence of 0s and 1s at a rate of R_b bps.
- Return to Zero (RZ), non return to zero (NRZ).
 - RZ: The pulse duration is less than the symbol duration.
 - NRZ: The pulse duration is the same as the symbol duration.





RZ "all or nothing" "1" = p(t), "0" = 0.

RZ antipodal "1" = p(t), "0" = -p(t).

RZ bipolar "1" alternates between p(t)and -p(t), "0" = 0 (AMI)

NRZ all or nothing "1" = p(t), "0" = 0.

NRZ antipodal "1" = p(t), "0" = -p(t).



Signal design



- Desired properties:
 - Minimize bandwidth.
 - Minimize transmission power keeping performance and bandwidth requirements in mind
 - No DC components since transformers are used in repeaters.
 - Should be able to recover clock information from signal.



Binary PAM



- Simplest digital modulation method
- Information bit "1" is represented by a pulse of amplitude A and "0" by a pulse of amplitude –A.
- Pulses are transmitted at a rate $R_b = 1/T_b$ bps where $T_b = bit$ interval.



1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1



Binary Pulse Position Modulation (PPM)



 Information bit "1" is transmitted by sending a pulse of amplitude A on the first half of the bit interval

- $s_1(t) = A 0 < t < T_b/2, 0$ otherwise

• Information bit "0" is transmitted by sending a pulse of amplitude A on the second half of the bit interval.

- $s_0(t) = A T_b/2 < t < T_b$, 0 otherwise.



M-ary PAM



- We can group bits into symbols
 - 00 01, 10, 11 = 4-ary
 - -000,001,010,011,100,101,110,111 = 8-ary
 - $M = 2^k$, where k is the number of bits per symbol.
 - $R_s = 1/T_s$ is the symbol rate in symbols/sec, where $T_s = symbol$ interval.
- Each symbol is assigned a pulse of different amplitude
 - -4-ary 00 = A, 01 = 3A, 10 = -A, 11 = -3A
 - 8-ary...



M-ary PPM



• Divide up the symbol duration into non-overlapping sections.

