



## Digital Communication

### Lab 1

### Report of the Lab

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## SESSION ONE

### I – QAM Modulation and Gray Labelling

- a) We need  $k = \log_2 M$  to encode  $M$  symbols in a  $M$ -QAM with  $k$ , the number of bits by symbol.

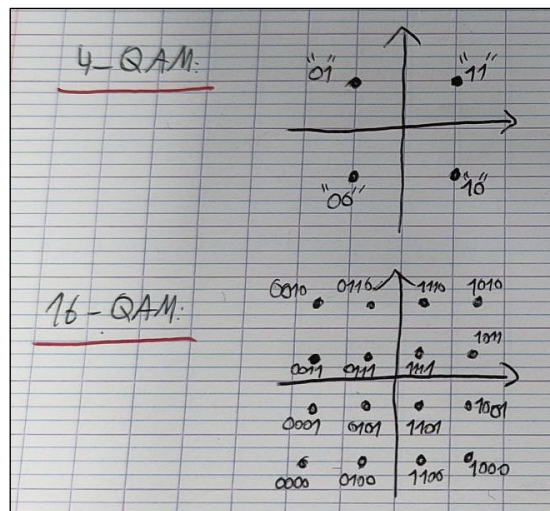


Figure 1 - Drawing of the M-QAM

b)

We created two functions: one to generate a constellation and one to visualize it.

To generate a constellation, first we generate the different levels of the QAM, decided with the  $M$ . Next, we use these levels to create our complex numbers for our different symbols and the Gray code labels. In the end, we convert the Gray code labels to binary ones which improve the readability of the constellation.

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13      %% Generation of the M-QAM constellation and associated Gray Code
14      M = 64;
15      g0 = 1;
16      [mPoints, mLabels] = generate_MQAM_constellation(M);
17      visualize_MQAM_constellation(M, mPoints, mLabels)
18

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Figure 2 – Main file extract

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1 function [mPoints, mLabels] = generate_MQAM_constellation(M)
2     % Verify if M is a power of 4 (because M-QAM is a square constellation)
3     if mod(log2(M), 2) ~= 0
4         error('M must be a power of 4 (for instance: 4, 16, 64, 256, ...)');
5     end
6
7     % Size of the matrix  $\sqrt{M} \times \sqrt{M}$ 
8     sqrtM = sqrt(M);
9
10    % Generation of the possible levels for the imaginary and real parts
11    levels = -(sqrtM-1):2:(sqrtM-1);
12
13    % Matrixes used to store complex points and Gray labels
14    mPoints = zeros(sqrtM, sqrtM); % For complex symbols
15    mLabels = strings(sqrtM, sqrtM); % For Gray labels (in string)
16
17    % Fill matrixes with the points and the labels
18    for i = 1:sqrtM
19        for j = 1:sqrtM
20            % Complex symbols: Combination of real and imaginary parts
21            mPoints(i,j) = levels(i) + 1i*levels(j);
22
23            % Labelling complex points
24            gray_real = bitxor(i-1, floor((i-1)/2));
25            %disp(gray_real);
26            gray_imag = bitxor(j-1, floor((j-1)/2));
27            % disp(gray_imag);
28
29            % Form one binary word with the real and imaginary Gray bits
30            gray_code_real = dec2bin(gray_real, log2(sqrtM));
31            gray_code_imag = dec2bin(gray_imag, log2(sqrtM));
32
33            % Gray label fill in a string
34            % mLabels(i,j) = bin2dec(strcat(gray_code_real, gray_code_imag));
35            mLabels(i,j) = strcat(gray_code_real, gray_code_imag);
36        end
37    end
38 end
39

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Figure 3 - Generate functions

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1 function visualize_MQAM_constellation(M, mPoints, mLabels)
2     % M : Size of the constellation (Numbers of points in the M-QAM)
3     % mPoints : Matrix containing complex symbols with a size of  $\sqrt{M} \times \sqrt{M}$ 
4     % mLabels : Matrix containing Gray labels (in binary code) of size  $\sqrt{M} \times \sqrt{M}$ 
5
6     % Extract real and imaginary parts of the points of the constellation
7     x = real(mPoints(:)); % Real part
8     y = imag(mPoints(:)); % Imaginary part
9     z = mLabels(:); % Gray labels (in binary, already in a string)
10
11    % Create a new figure
12    figure;
13
14    % Print points of the constellation
15    scatter(x, y, 50, 'b*'); % 'b*' : Blue with asterisks
16    axis([-sqrt(M) sqrt(M) -sqrt(M) sqrt(M)]); % Adjust axis by M
17
18    % Add the Gray labels side to side with the points
19    for k = 1:M
20        % z(k) already contains of the Gray labels in binary in a string form
21        text(x(k) - 0.6, y(k) + 0.3, z(k), 'Color', [1 0 0]); % Red for the labels
22    end
23
24    % Add a title and labels for the axis
25    title(['Gray Coding for ' num2str(M) '-QAM']);
26    xlabel('I (Real Part)');
27    ylabel('Q (Imaginary part)');
28
29    % Activer la grille
30    grid on;
31 end

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Figure 4 - Visualize function

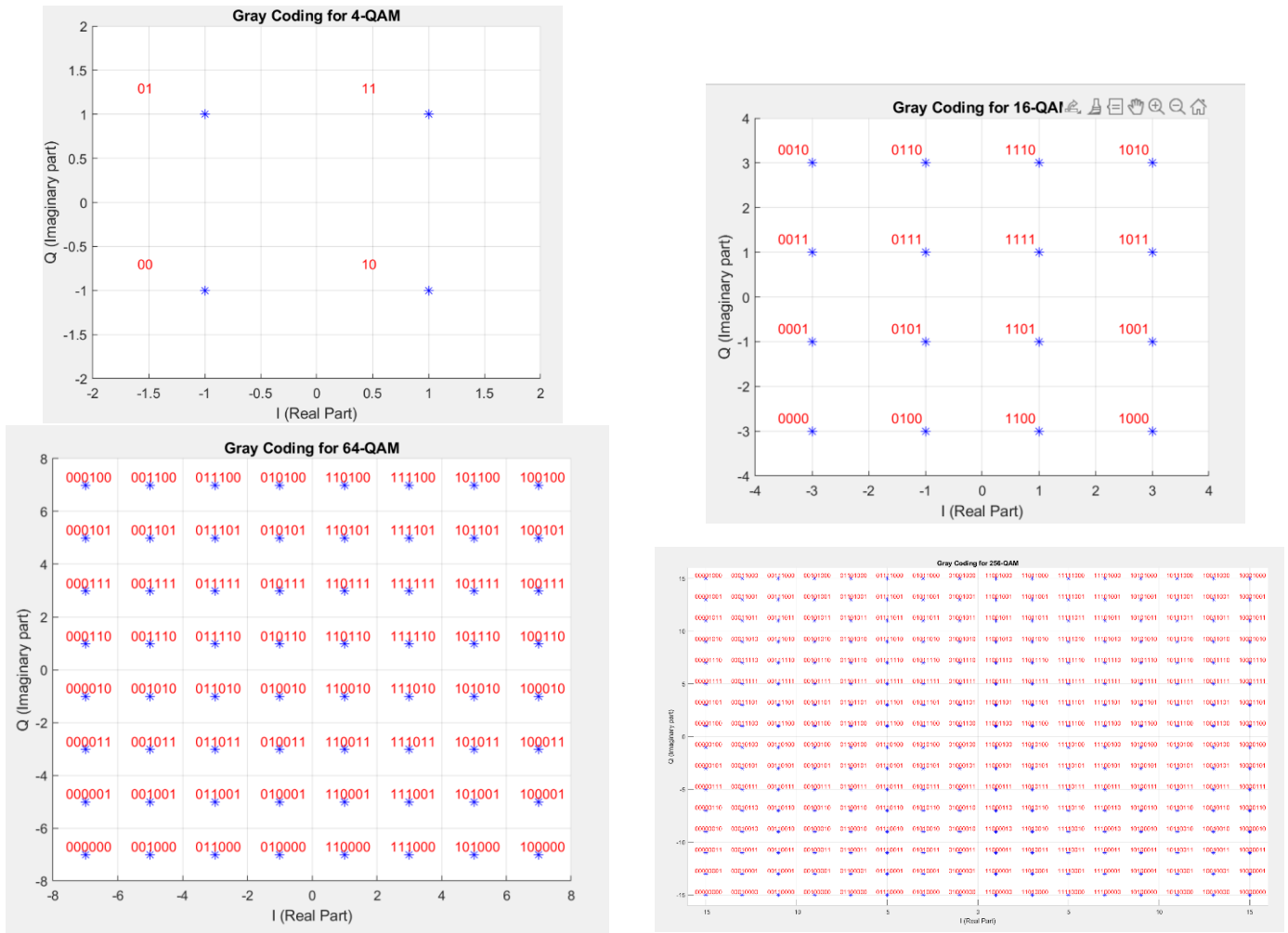


Figure 4 – Different M-QAM

## II – Monte Carlo Performance Simulation

a)

First, we write a program to generate the chain mentioned above. This is divided into several parts:

- Modulation,
- Adding AWGN channel noise,
- Demodulation with the block decision

For the **modulation** part, we perform M-QAM modulation with a gain  $g(0)$ , converting bits into complex symbols based on a given constellation. To achieve this, we define the number of bits per symbol and loop through each group of bits, converting them into a binary string. The corresponding binary string is compared with the Gray code labels (mLabels) to find the coordinates of the symbol in the constellation (mPoints). The symbol in his decimal form is

then extracted from the constellation and multiplied by the gain  $g(0)$ , which is stored in the vector of modulated symbols.

Next, in the main function, we add **Additive White Gaussian Noise** (AWGN) to the modulated symbols based on the SNR expressed in dB.

Regarding **demodulation**: for each received symbol, we calculate the distance between the symbol and all points in the constellation. We find the index of the closest point using the minimum distance. The closest point is stored in `closest_points`. We then retrieve the Gray label associated with this point, convert it into a bit array, and store it for later comparison between sent bits and received bits to have an error percentage.

```

19 %% Monte Carlo
20
21 % Simulation with random bits
22 num_bits = 20; %To choose but must be a power of 4
23 bits_per_symbol = log2(M);
24 num_symbols = num_bits / bits_per_symbol;
25 bits = randi([0 1], num_bits, 1);
26 disp(bits')
27
28 % Modulation
29 symbols = modulate_MQAM(bits, mPoints, mLabels, M, g0);
30 disp(symbols')
31
32 % AWGN Addition
33 SNR_dB = 0.001;
34 received_symbols = awgn(symbols, SNR_dB, 'measured');
35
36 % Demodulation and block of decision
37 [demodulated_bits, closest_points] = demodulate_MQAM_with_closest(received_symbols, mPoints, mLabels);
38 disp(demodulated_bits')
39
40 % Print the M-QAM with the lines of connection and Gray labels
41 visualize_constellation_and_received(mPoints, mLabels, received_symbols, closest_points);
42
43 % Compare in/out bits
44 comparison = zeros(num_bits,1);
45 error=0;
46 for i = 1:num_bits
47     difference = mod(bits(i,1) - demodulated_bits(i,1),2);
48     comparison = comparison + difference;
49     if difference == 1
50         error = error + 1;
51     end
52 end
53 disp(comparison);
54 formatSpec = 'Pourcentage of error: %f \n';
55 fprintf(formatSpec, (error*100)/num_bits)
56
57

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1 function symbols = modulate_MQAM(bits, mPoints, mLabels, M, g0)
2     % Modulation M-QAM with gain g(0)
3     bits_per_symbol = log2(M);
4     num_symbols = length(bits) / bits_per_symbol;
5
6     symbols = zeros(num_symbols, 1);
7
8     for i = 1:num_symbols
9         % Extract bits of each symbol from the bit stream
10        bit_group = bits((i-1)*bits_per_symbol + 1:i*bits_per_symbol)';
11        bit_string = num2str(bit_group(:)', '%d');
12
13        % Find the decimal coordinates for each symbol
14        [row, col] = find(mLabels == bit_string);
15
16        % Modulate with the gain g(0)
17        symbols(i) = g0 * mPoints(row, col);
18    end
19 end
20

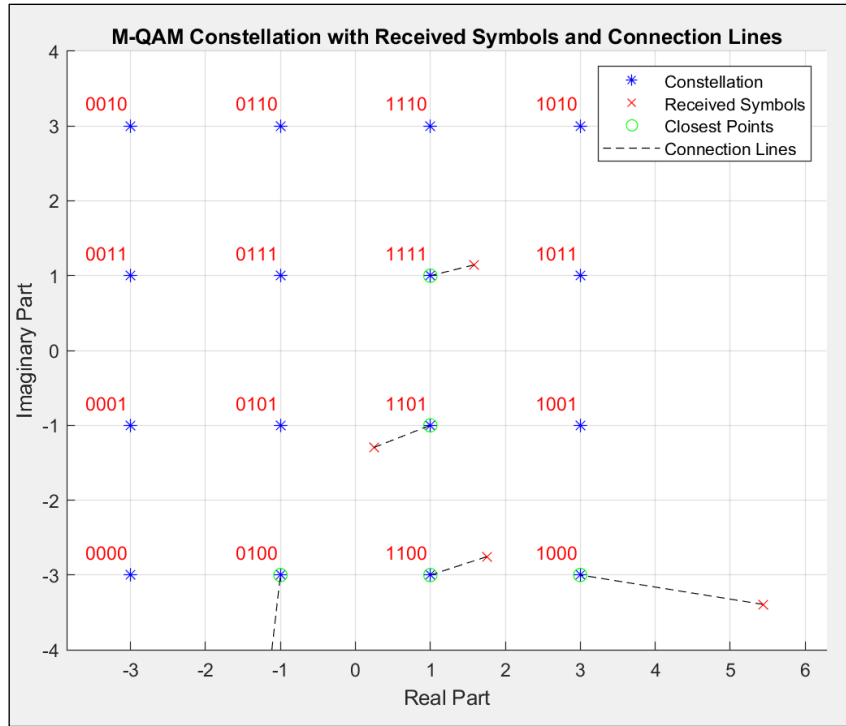
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1 function [demodulated_bits, closest_points] = demodulate_MQAM_with_closest(received_symbols, mPoints, mLabels)
2 % M-QAM demodulation and find closest points
3 num_symbols = length(received_symbols);
4 bits_per_symbol = log2(numel(mPoints));
5
6 % Initialize an array to store bits numerically
7 demodulated_bits = zeros(num_symbols * bits_per_symbol, 1); % Storing bits numerically
8 closest_points = zeros(num_symbols, 1); % Storing closest points
9
10 % Index to fill demodulated_bits
11 bit_idx = 1;
12
13 for i = 1:num_symbols
14 % Find the closest constellation point
15 distances = abs(received_symbols(i) - mPoints(:));
16 [~, min_index] = min(distances); % Ignore the first variable (~)
17
18 % Get the Gray label of the closest point (as a string)
19 gray_label = mLabels{min_index}; % mLabels must be a cell array containing strings
20
21 % Store the closest constellation point
22 closest_points(i) = mPoints(min_index);
23
24 % Convert the Gray label (string) to numeric array (bits)
25 bits = double(gray_label) - '0'; % Convert binary string to numeric array
26
27 % Store the bits in demodulated_bits
28 demodulated_bits(bit_idx:bit_idx + bits_per_symbol - 1) = bits;
29
30 % Update the index for bits
31 bit_idx = bit_idx + bits_per_symbol;
32 end
33 end
34
35 function visualize_constellation_and_received(mPoints, mLabels, received_symbols, closest_points)
36 % Visualize the M-QAM constellation with Gray labels, received symbols, closest points,
37 % and draw connection lines between the received symbols and the closest points.
38
39 % Extract the real and imaginary parts of the constellation points
40 x = real(mPoints(:)); % Real part
41 y = imag(mPoints(:)); % Imaginary part
42 z = mLabels{:}; % Gray labels (in binary, as strings)
43
44 % Calculate the size of the constellation (M)
45 M = numel(mPoints);
46
47 % Create a new figure
48 figure;
49
50 % Plot the constellation points
51 scatter(x, y, 50, 'b*'); % Constellation points in blue
52 hold on;
53 axis([-sqrt(M) sqrt(M) -sqrt(M) sqrt(M)]); % Adjust axes based on M
54
55 % Add Gray labels next to the points
56 for k = 1:M
57 text(x(k) - 0.6, y(k) + 0.3, z(k), 'Color', [1 0 0]); % Labels in red
58 end
59
60 % Display the received symbols
61 scatter(real(received_symbols), imag(received_symbols), 50, 'rx'); % Received symbols in red
62
63 % Print the received symbols
64 scatter(real(closest_points), imag(closest_points), 50, 'go'); % Closest points in green
65
66 % Draw lines connecting each received symbol to its closest point
67 for i = 1:length(received_symbols)
68 % Coordinates of the received symbol
69 x_received = real(received_symbols(i));
70 y_received = imag(received_symbols(i));
71
72 % Coordinates of the closest point
73 x_closest = real(closest_points(i));
74 y_closest = imag(closest_points(i));
75
76 % Draw a line between the received symbol and the closest point
77 plot([x_received, x_closest], [y_received, y_closest], 'k--'); % Dashed black line
78 end
79
80 % Graph parameters
81 title('M-QAM Constellation with Received Symbols and Connection Lines');
82 xlabel('Real Part');
83 ylabel('Imaginary Part');
84 legend('Constellation', 'Received Symbols', 'Closest Points', 'Connection Lines');
85 grid on;
86 axis equal;
87 hold off;
88 end

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Figure 5 – Extract from the main files and the functions associated


 Figure 6 - Result for  $SNR = 0.01$ 

b) Supposing with the error probability given,  $P_e = \frac{1}{N} \rightarrow N = \frac{1}{P_e} \rightarrow 1 \leq N < 10^5$

The expression for the average energy of an M-QAM constellation as a function of the size M is:  $E_{moy} = \frac{2(M-1)}{3}$ .

We have:  $\sigma^2 = \frac{N_0}{2} = \frac{1}{2} * \frac{E_s}{\frac{E_b}{N_0}}$  or  $E_b = \frac{E_s}{\log_2(M)} = \frac{2(M-1)}{\log_2(M)}$ .

$$\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)_{db} = 10 \log\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right) \rightarrow \frac{E_b}{N_0} = 10^{\frac{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)_{db}}{10}}$$

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