

# **Signal Encoding Techniques**

## **CHAPTER 5**

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# SIGNAL ENCODING TECHNIQUES

✓ Digital data, digital signal ✓

➤ Analog data, digital signal +

✓ Digital data, analog signal ✓

➤ Analog data, analog signal X

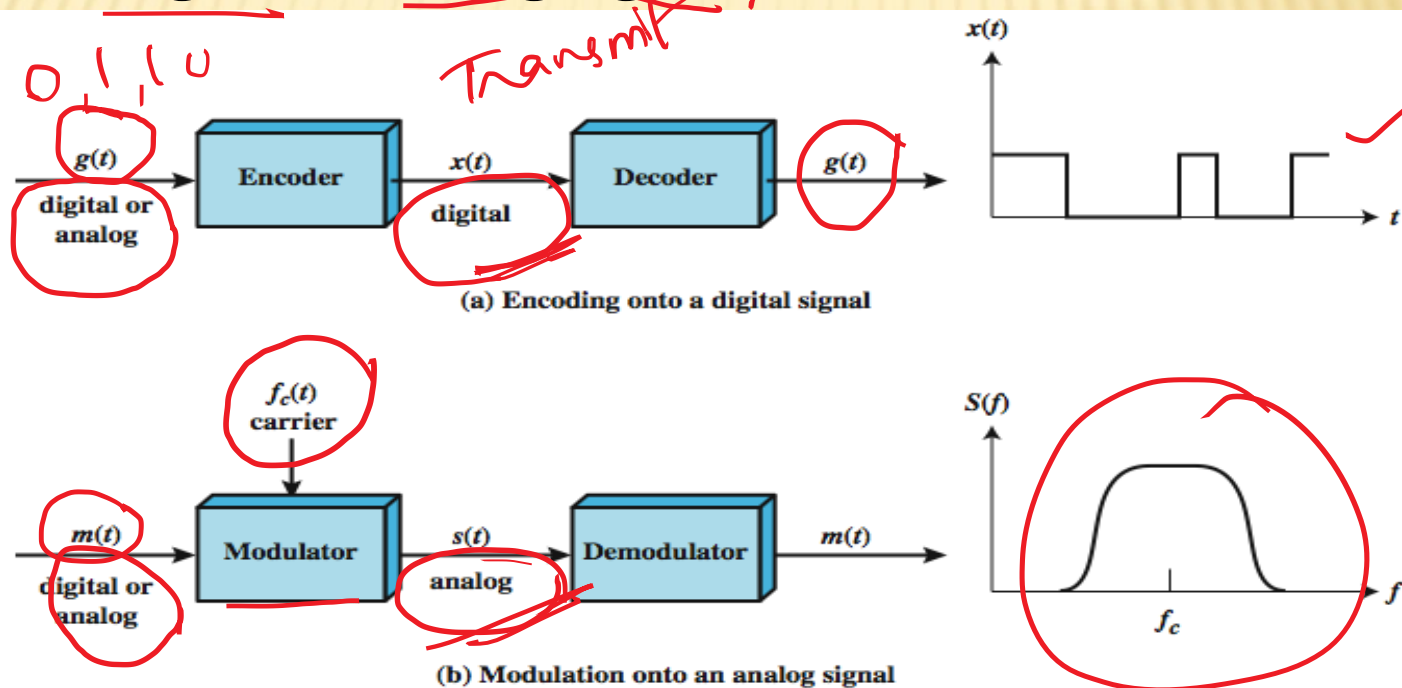


Figure 5.1 Encoding and Modulation Techniques

# DIGITAL DATA, DIGITAL SIGNAL

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## ➤ Digital signal

- Sequence of discrete, discontinuous voltage pulses
- Each pulse is a signal element
- binary data encoded into signal elements





# SOME TERMS



- Unipolar - signal elements have the same sign
- Polar - One logic state represented by positive voltage, other by negative
- Data Signaling or Data rate
- duration or length of a bit
- modulation rate: is signal elements per second
- mark and space

2 signal elements  
1 → + voltage  
2 → - voltage

↳ 1      ↳ 0

Bit duration      ↳ baud  
↳  $\frac{1}{R \rightarrow \text{data rate}}$   
=  $\frac{\text{Signal elements}}{\text{per second}}$

# INTERPRETING DIGITAL SIGNALS

## ➤ Receiver needs to know

- timing of bits - when they start and end
- signal levels

## ➤ factors affecting signal interpretation

- signal to noise ratio ✓
- data rate ✓
- bandwidth ✓
- encoding scheme – affects performance

↑ SNR ⇒ ↓ bit err

↑ Data rate ⇒ ↑ BER

↑ ⇒ ↑ Data rate

# COMPARISON OF ENCODING SCHEMES

- signal spectrum ✓ →
- clocking ✓ →
- error detection ✓
- signal interference and noise immunity ✓
- cost and complexity ✓

not have dc component



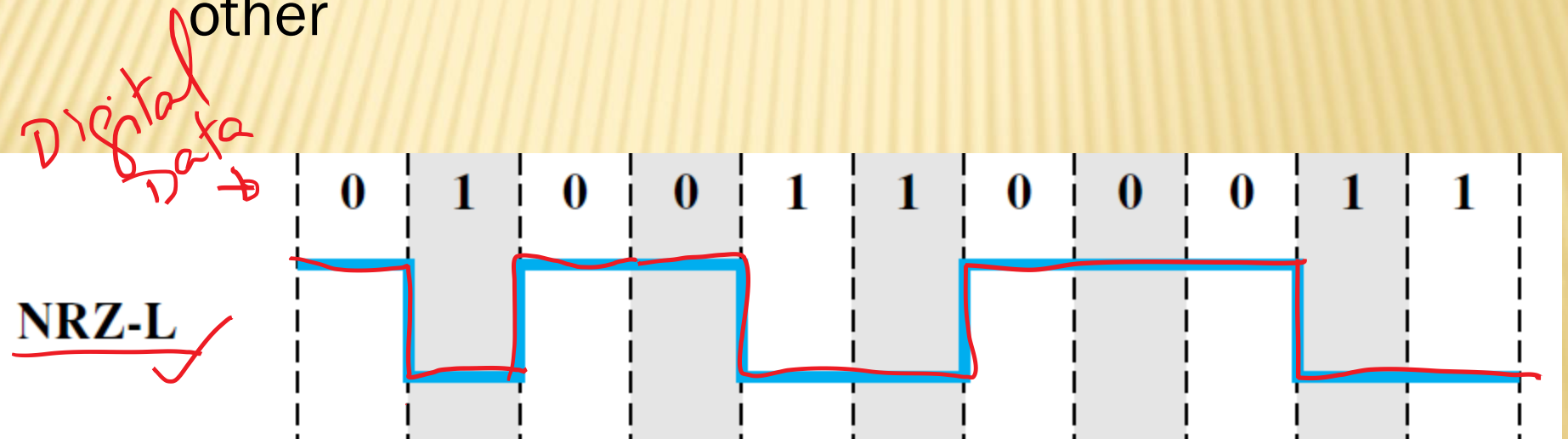
# Digital Data to Digital Signal

## ENCODING SCHEMES

- ✗ Nonreturn to Zero-Level (NRZ-L)
- ✗ Nonreturn to Zero Inverted (NRZI)
- ✗ Bipolar-AMI
- ✗ Pseudoternary
- ✗ Manchester
- ✗ Differential Manchester

# NONRETURN TO ZERO-LEVEL (NRZ-L)

- two different voltages for 0 and 1 bits
- voltage constant during bit interval
  - negative voltage for one value and positive for the other





# NONRETURN TO ZERO INVERTED

NRZI

- Non-return to zero, inverted on ones
- constant voltage pulse for duration of bit
- data encoded as presence or absence of signal transition at beginning of bit time
  - transition (low to high or high to low) denotes binary 1
  - no transition denotes binary 0
- example of differential encoding since
  - data is represented by changes rather than levels
  - more reliable detection of transition rather than level
  - easy to lose sense of polarity in twisted-pair line (for NRZ-L)

Digital Data →

NRZI



# NRZ PROS & CONS

## ➤ Pros

- easy to engineer
- make good use of bandwidth

## ➤ Cons

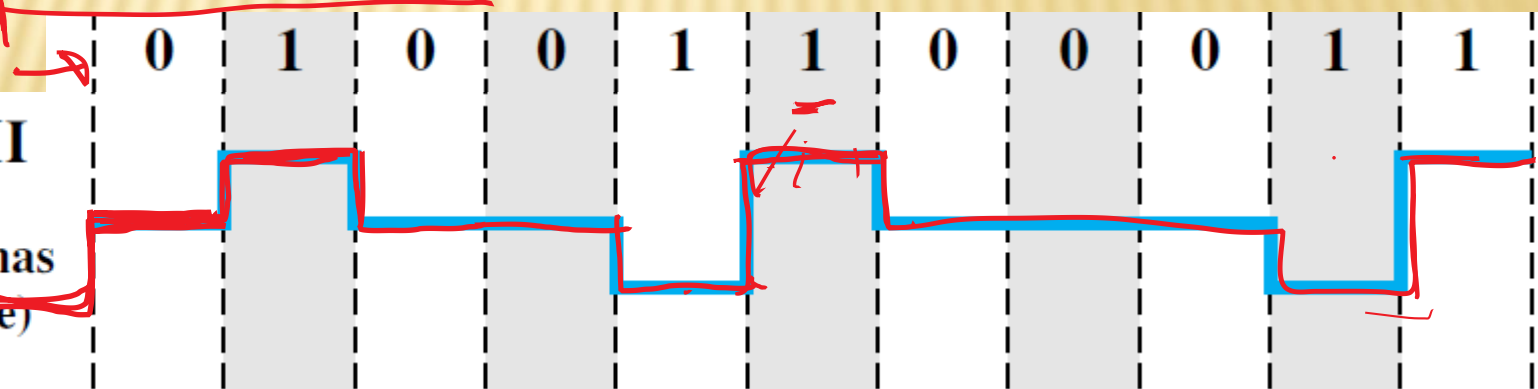
- dc component
  - lack of synchronization capability
- used for magnetic recording
- not often used for signal transmission

# MULTILEVEL BINARY: BIPOLAR-AMI

- Use more than two levels ✓
- Bipolar-AMI
  - zero represented by no line signal
  - one represented by positive or negative pulse
  - 'One' pulses alternately in polarity
  - ✓ • no loss of sync if a long string of ones
  - ✓ • long runs of zeros still a problem
  - ✓ • no net dc component
  - ✓ • lower bandwidth
  - easy error detection ✓

↳ Alternate  
mark  
inversion

Digital  
Data

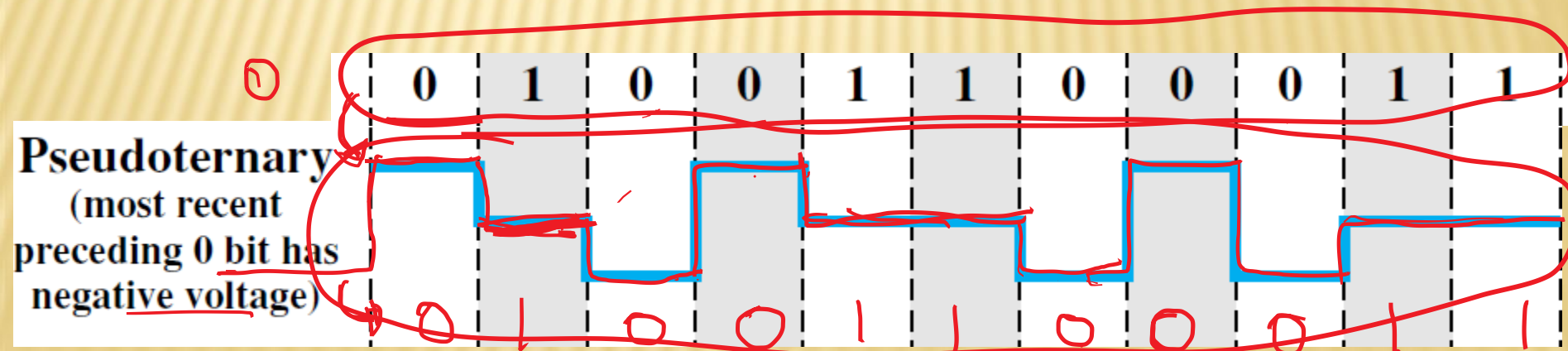


**Bipolar-AMI**  
(most recent  
preceding 1 bit has  
negative voltage)



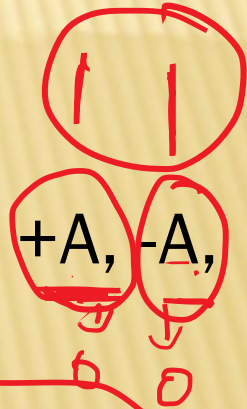
# MULTILEVEL BINARY: PSEUDOTERNARY

- one represented by absence of line signal
- zero represented by alternating positive and negative
- no advantage or disadvantage over bipolar-AMI
- each used in some applications



# MULTILEVEL BINARY ISSUES

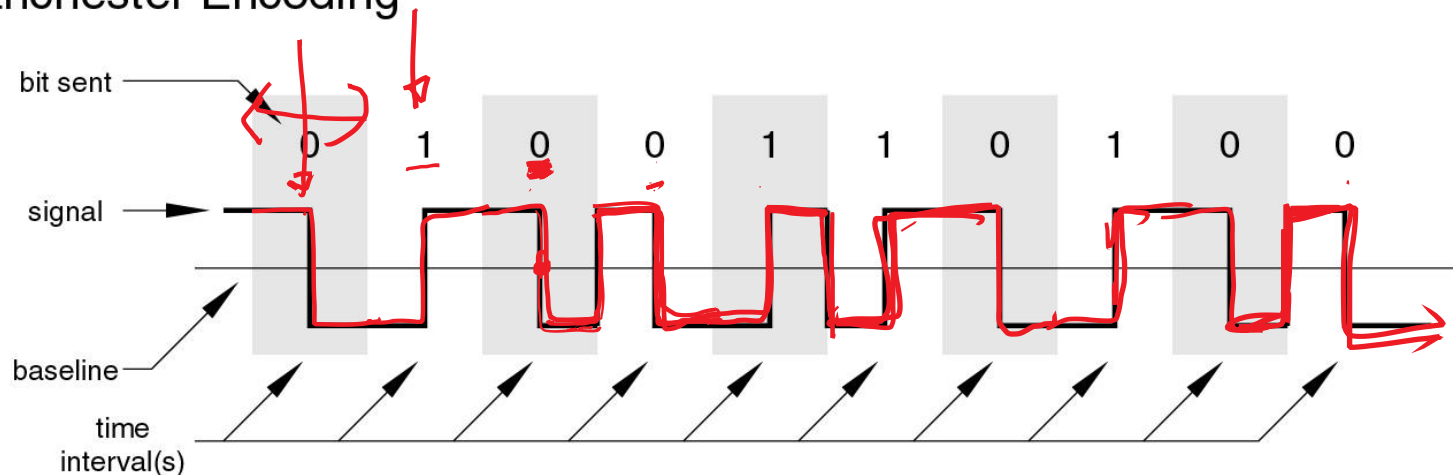
- not as efficient as NRZ because of the following:
  - each signal element only represents one bit
  - ✗ receiver distinguishes between three levels:  $+A$ ,  $-A$ ,  $0$
  - a 3 level system could represent  $\log_2 3 = 1.58$  bits
  - Bit error rate for NRZ at given SNR ratio is significantly less than multilevel binary.



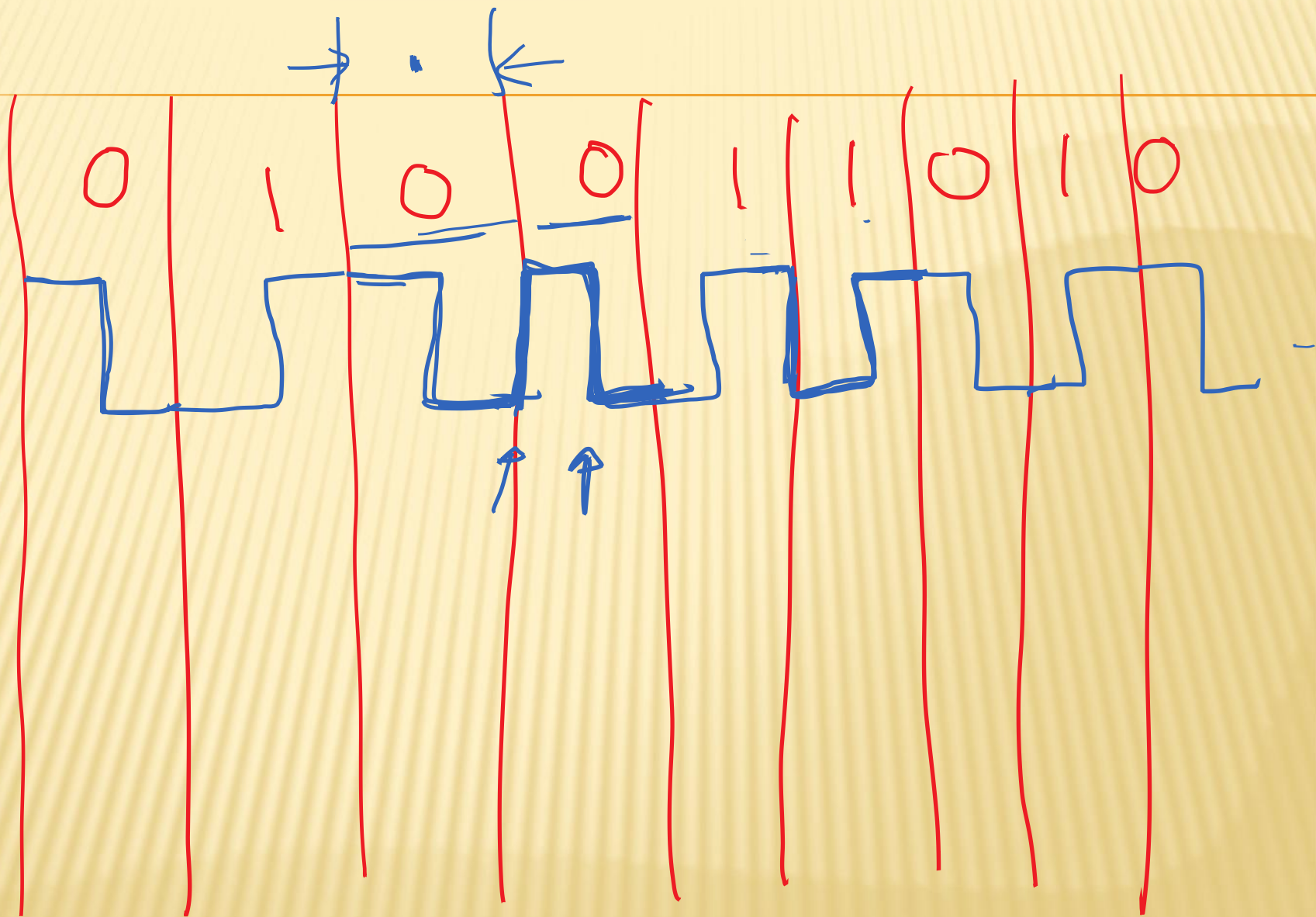
# BIPHASE: MANCHESTER ENCODING

- has transition in the middle of each bit period
- transition serves as clock and data
- low to high represents one
- high to low represents zero
- used by IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet LAN)

Manchester Encoding



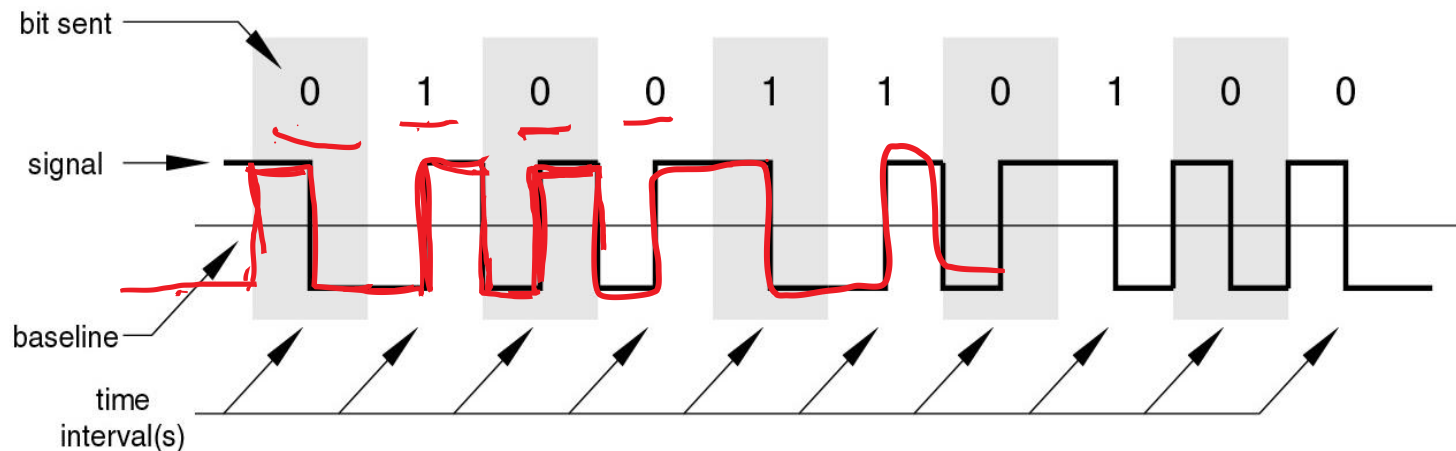




# DIFFERENTIAL MANCHESTER ENCODING

- Mid-bit transition is clocking only
- transition at start of bit period representing 0
- no transition at start of bit period representing 1
  - this is a differential encoding scheme
- used by IEEE 802.5 (Token Ring LAN)

Differential Manchester Encoding



# BIPHASE PROS AND CONS

## ➤ Con

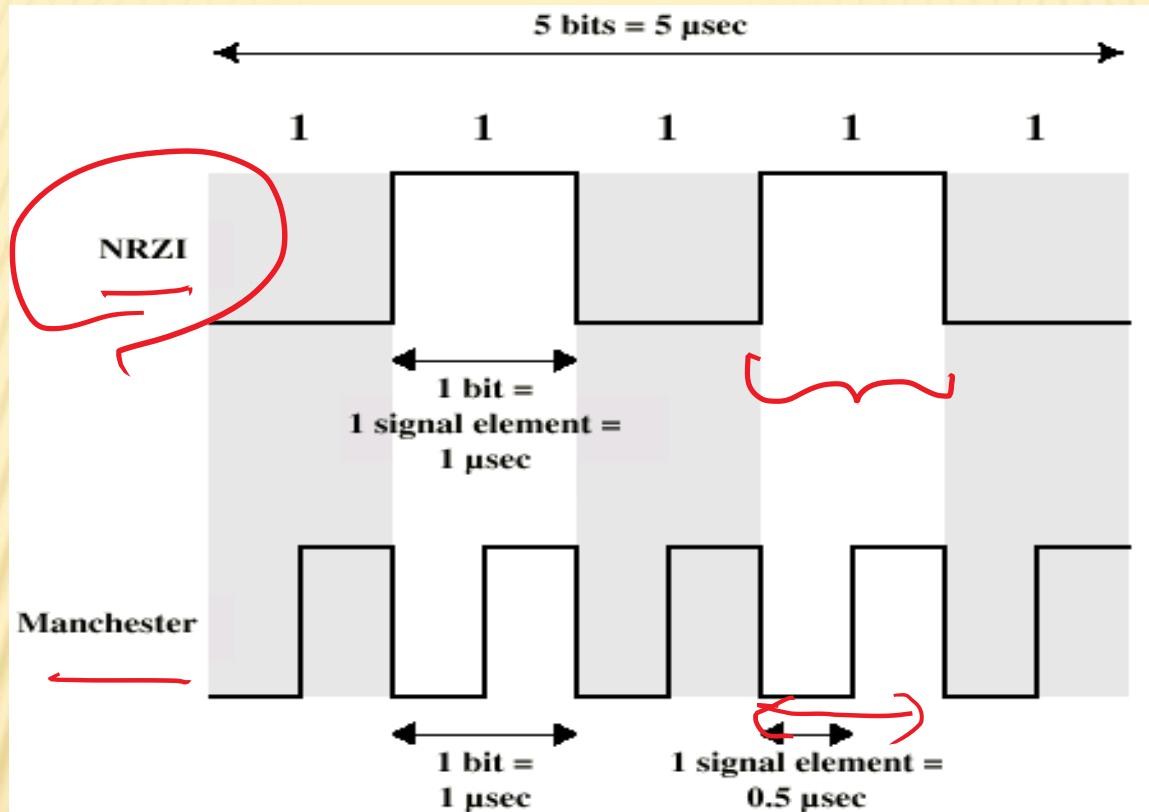
- at least one transition per bit time and possibly two
- maximum modulation rate is twice NRZ
- requires more bandwidth

## ➤ Pros

- synchronization on mid bit transition (self clocking)
- has no dc component
- has error detection



# MODULATION RATE



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$$D = \frac{R}{L} = \frac{R}{\log_2 M}$$

where

$D$  = modulation rate, baud

$R$  = data rate, bps

$M$  = number of different signal elements =  $2^L$

$L$  = number of bits per signal element

# SCRAMBLING

118-bits  
↓  
15-bits

- ✗ Use scrambling to replace sequences that would produce constant voltage
- ✗ Filling sequence
  - + Must produce enough transitions to sync
  - + Must be recognized by receiver and replace with original
  - + Same length as original
- ✗ No dc component
- ✗ No long sequences of zero level line signal
- ✗ No reduction in data rate
- ✗ Error detection capability



# B8ZS

- ✗ Bipolar With 8 Zeros Substitution
- ✗ Based on bipolar-AMI
- ✗ If octet of all zeros and last voltage pulse preceding was positive encode as 000+-0-+
- ✗ If octet of all zeros and last voltage pulse preceding was negative encode as 000-+0+-
- ✗ Causes two violations of AMI code
- ✗ Unlikely to occur as a result of noise
- ✗ Receiver detects and interprets as octet of all zeros

00000000  
+000+-0-+  
-000-+0+-

# HDB3

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- ✗ High Density Bipolar 3 Zeros
- ✗ Based on bipolar-AMI
- ✗ String of four zeros replaced with one or two  
pulses

# HDB3 RULES

*Pseudo Bipolar AMT*

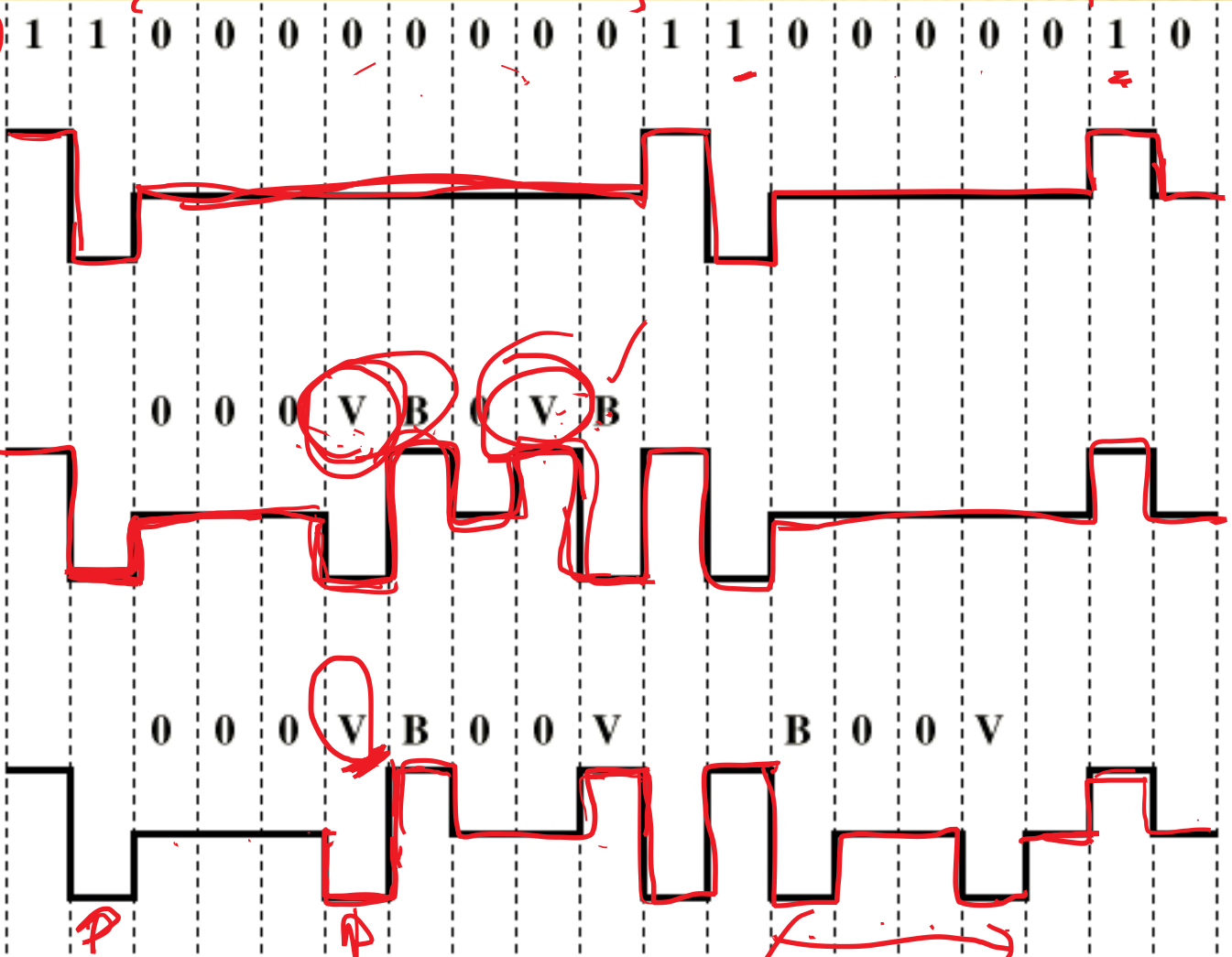
Polarity of Preceding Pulse	Number of Bipolar Pulses (ones) since Last Substitution	
	Odd	Even
-	000-	+00+
+	000+	-00-



# B8ZS AND HDB3

000+ - 0 - +  
 000 - + 0 + -

Digital Data



Bipolar-AMI

B8ZS

HDB3  
 (odd number of 0s since last substitution)

B = Valid bipolar signal  
 V = Bipolar violation

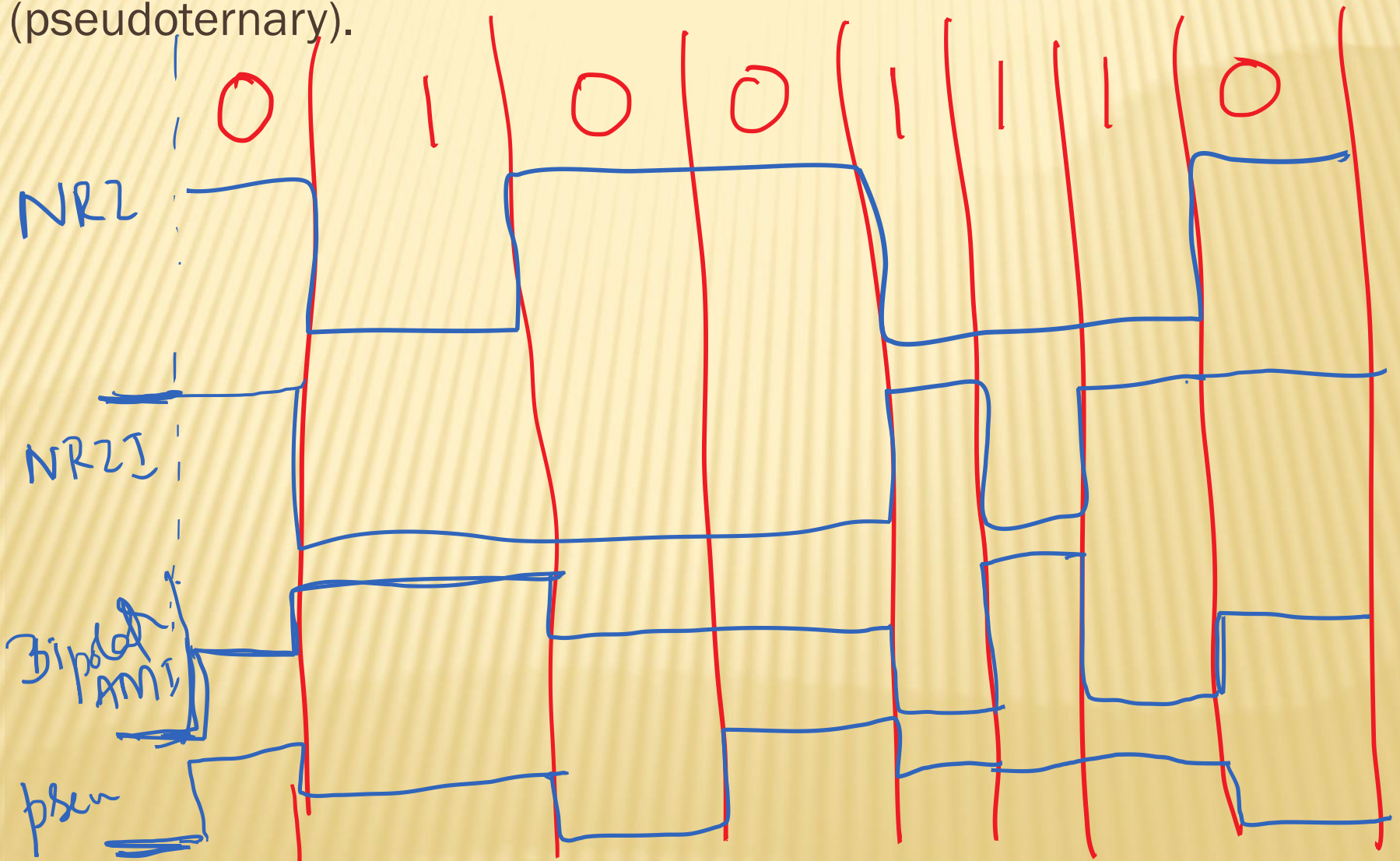
# WHICH OF THE SIGNALS USE DIFFERENTIAL ENCODING?

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NRZI

Differential Manchester

For the bit stream 01001110, sketch the waveforms for each of the codes. Assume that the signal level for the preceding bit for NRZI was high; the most recent preceding 1 bit (AMI) has a negative voltage; and the most recent preceding 0 bit (pseudoternary) has a negative voltage.





0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0

Manchester

Differential Manchester

