

# COM303: Digital Signal Processing

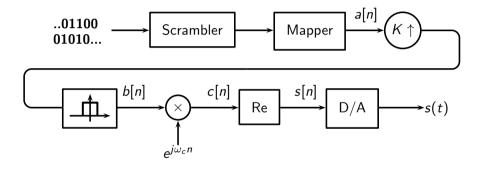
Lecture 23: Digital Communication Systems (II)

#### overview

- ► QAM receiver design
- ► ADSL



## QAM transmitter, final design



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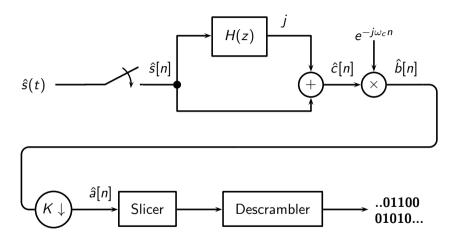
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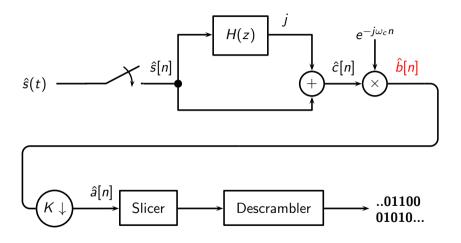
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- ▶ a sound familiar to anyone who's used a modem or a fax machine
- what's going on here?

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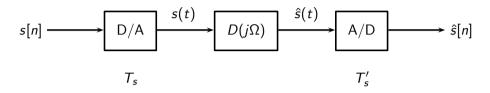


Visually, in slow motion, plotting b[n]

#### Pilot tones

if 
$$\hat{s}[n] = \cos((\omega_c + \omega_0)n)$$
 then  $\hat{b}[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n}$ 

## The main problems



- noise
- propagation delay
- ▶ channel distortion  $D(j\Omega)$
- ▶ different clocks  $(T'_s \neq T_s)$

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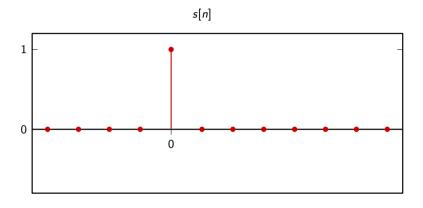
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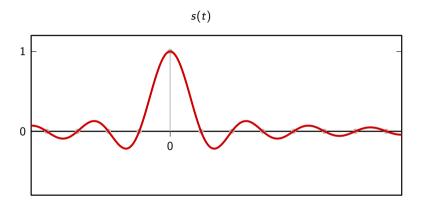
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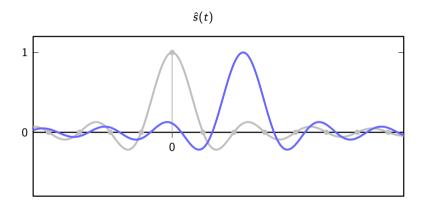
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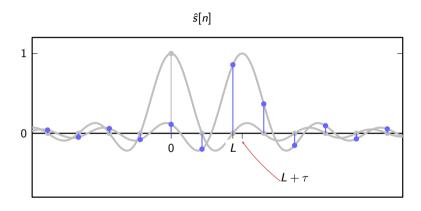
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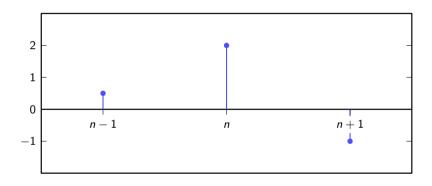
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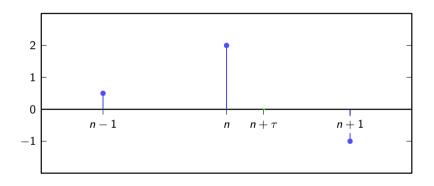
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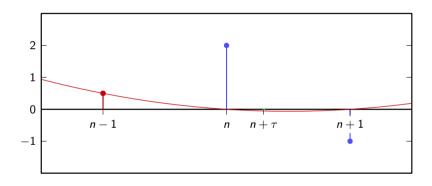
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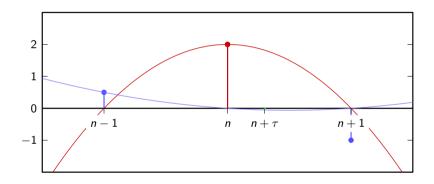
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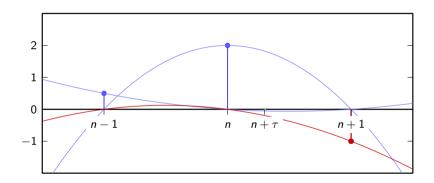
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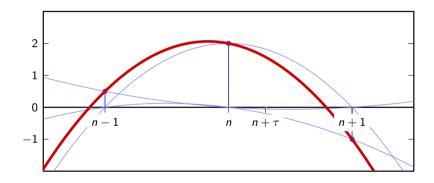


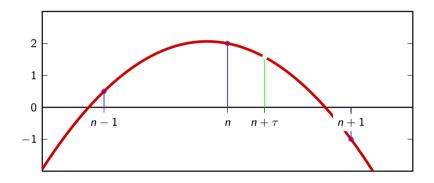












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$$L_{-1}^{(1)}(t) = t \frac{t-1}{2}$$
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$$d_{0.2}[n] = egin{cases} -0.08 & n = -1 \ 0.96 & n = 0 \ 0.12 & n = 1 \ 0 & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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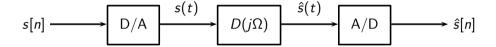
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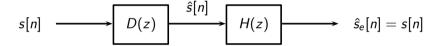
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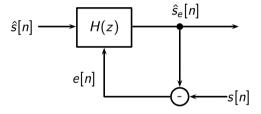


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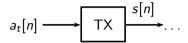
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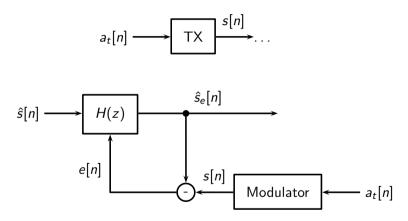
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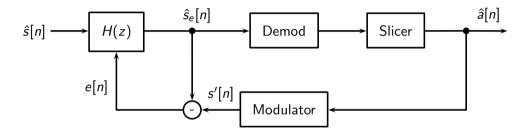
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 $e[n] = \hat{s}_e[n] - s[n]$ 

adapting the coefficients:

$$h_{n+1}[k] = h_n[k] + \alpha e[n]x[n-k], \qquad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

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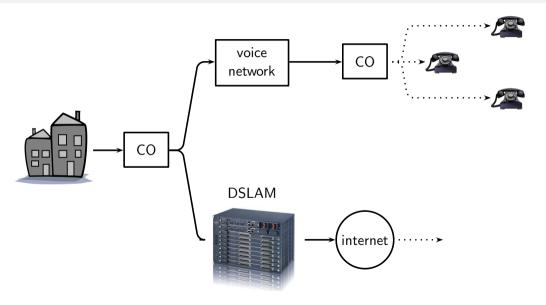
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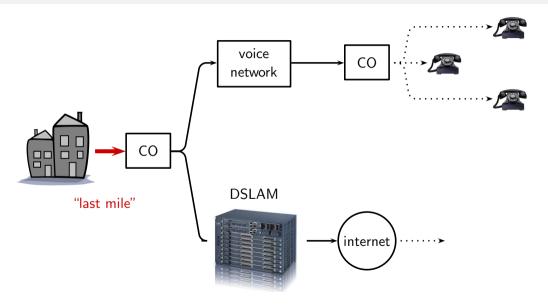
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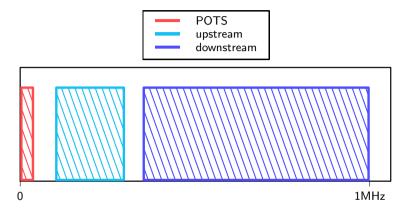
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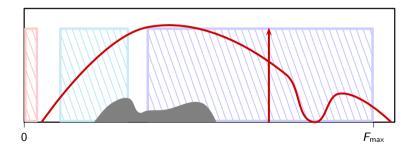
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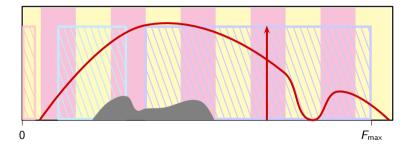
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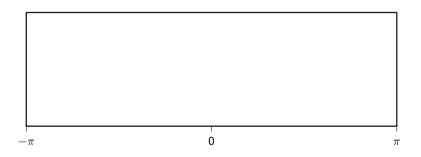
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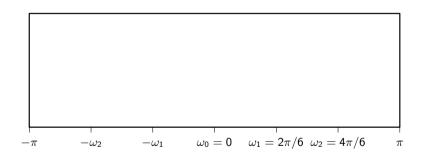
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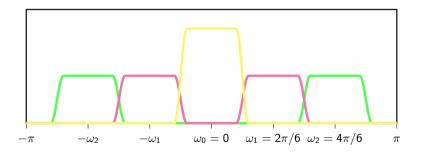
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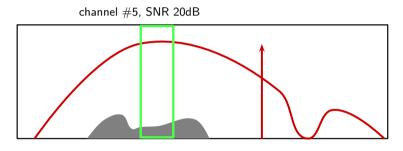
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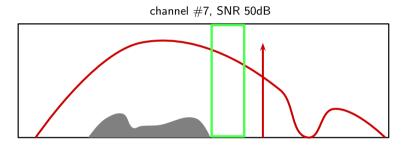


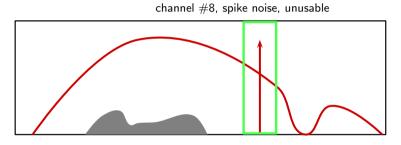
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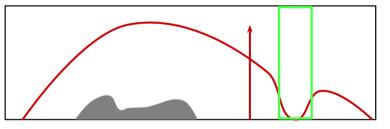
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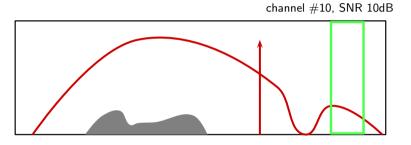




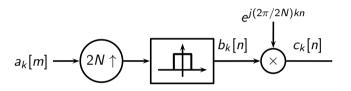


channel #9, too much attenuation, unusable





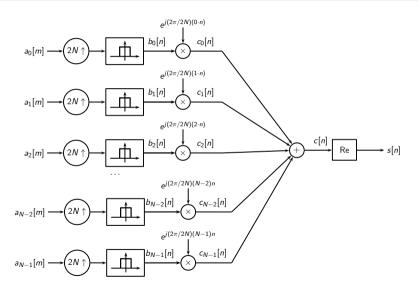
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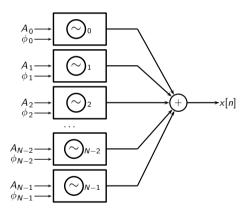
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#### If it looks familiar...

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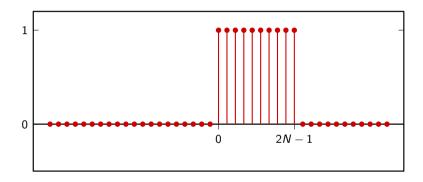
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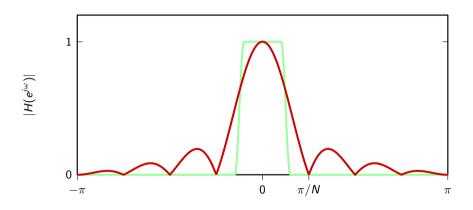
instead of using a "semi-ideal" digital interpolator (e.g. raised cosine), use a zero-order hold:

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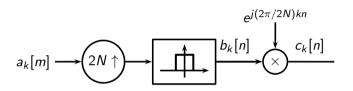
# Digital ZOH: interval indicator signal



# DTFT of interval signal



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#### Back to the subchannel modem

by using the ZOH interpolator:

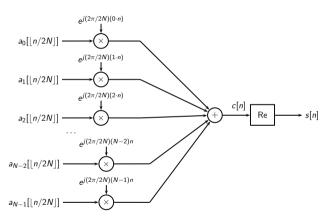
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### The bank of modems, revisited



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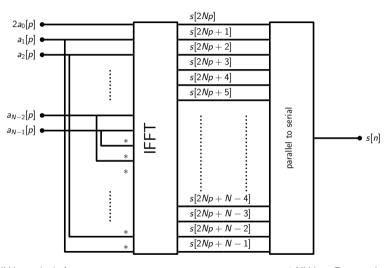
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