

Pulse Code Modulation (PCM)

Dr. B. Sainath
EEE Dept., BITS PILANI

Sep., 2017



Important Instructions

- Try to complete all tasks within 2 hours. After 2 hrs, evaluation starts.
- For each subtask, create mfiles (eg. *CT_HT.m*) and save them with suitable name.
- Prepare a word document naming your name and ID. In it, save all results including plots.
- In all plots, put x-label, y-label, legend, font 'Arial'(Size = 10), and, Width '2'.



Pulse Code Modulation (PCM)

- Important steps involved in PCM
 - Sampling, Quantization, and Encoding

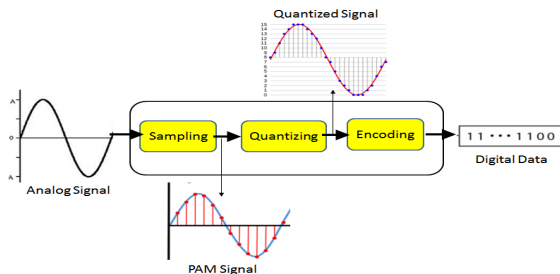


Figure: Operations in PCM. Source: <https://blogs.synopsys.com/vip-central/2015/04/28/1787/>

- Application of PCM
 - Standard form of digital audio in computers, CDs, digital telephony

Task 1.a: Uniform PCM

- Understand following library functions/commands
 - quantiz
 - de2bi(ind,'left-msb');
 - reshape
 - stairs
- Use the following
 - Message signal frequency $f_m = 3$ Hz; Sampling frequency $f_s = 30$ Hz;
 - $t = 0 : \frac{0.01}{f_m} : 1$;
 - Message peak amplitude $A_m = 2$ volt;
 - Number of bits $n = 3$;
 - Message signal = $A_m \sin(2\pi f_m t)$;
 - $t_s = 0 : \frac{1}{f_s} : 1$;
 - Sampled signal $x_s = A_m \sin(2\pi f_m t_s)$;
 - Quantization levels $L = 2^n$;
 - $V_{\max} = A_m$; $V_{\min} = -A_m$
 - Step size $\delta = \frac{V_{\max} - V_{\min}}{L}$
 - Steps = $V_{\min} : \delta : V_{\max}$;
 - Quant = $(V_{\min} - \frac{\delta}{2}) : \delta : (V_{\max} + \frac{\delta}{2})$;



Task 1. (a): Uniform PCM

- **Question:** Write a program to plot the following

- 1 Original message signal $x(t)$, sampled signal,
- 2 Sampled values vs quantized values (Hint: use 'plot' and stem commands).
- 3 Sampled signal vs quantized signal (Hint: use 'stem' command)
- 4 Encoded digital signal (Hint: use 'stairs' command)
 - Show all in single plot. In the plot, provide x-label, y-label, title, and legend.

- Hints

- After running 'quantiz' command, you get index ranging from 1 to 8. Update index from 0 to 7
- Make the minimum quantized value between the quantized levels. That is, bring $\left(V_{\min} - \frac{\delta}{2}\right)$ to $\left(V_{\min} + \frac{\delta}{2}\right)$
- Transform encoded matrix to a row vector of encoded bits



Task 1. (b): Computations

- **Question (i):** Using MATLAB compute the following
 - Bit rate R_b
 - Bit duration T_b
 - Step size δ
 - Maximum quantization error $Q_e(\max)$
 - Signal power in dB
 - Quantization noise power in dB
 - SQNR in dB
 - SQNR from formula
- **Question (ii):** Compute mean square error (MSE). Compare this value with quantization noise power (Hint:) Use samples of original signal & corresponding quantized values supplied by 'quantiz' command.



Task 2: Quantizer Characteristic Curve

- **Question:** Write a program to plot quantizer characteristic curve for the uniform PCM in Task 1. (a). In the plot, provide x-label, y-label, title, and legend.
 - Hint
 - Plot 'steps' on x-axis and 'quant' on y-axis using stairs command. Make sure that vector lengths match

