

Module 02

LINE CODING

- Line-coding is the process of converting digital-data to digital-signals (Figure 4.1).
- The data may be in the form of text, numbers, graphical images, audio, or video
- The data are stored in computer memory as sequences of bits (0s or 1s).
- Line-coding converts a sequence of bits to a digital-signal.
- At the sender, digital-data is encoded into a digital-signal.
At the receiver, digital-signal is decoded into a digital-data.

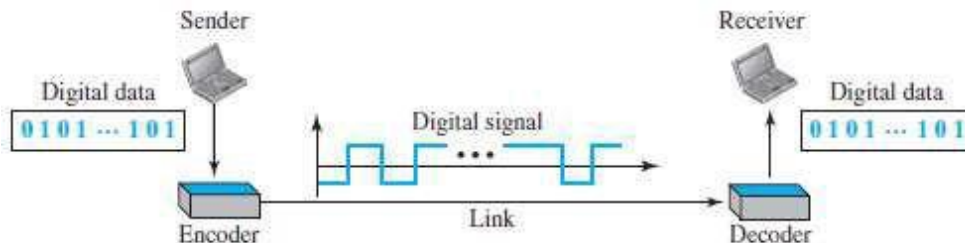


Figure 4.1 Line coding and decoding

Characteristics

- Different characteristics of digital signal are
 - 1) Signal Element Vs Data Element
 - 2) Data Rate Vs Signal Rate
 - 3) Bandwidth
 - 4) Baseline Wandering
 - 5) DC Components
 - 6) Built-in Error Detection
 - 7) Self-synchronization
 - 8) Immunity to Noise and Interference
 - 9) Complexity

1) Data Element vs. Signal Element

Data Element	Signal Element
A data-element is the smallest entity that can represent a piece of information (Figure 4.2).	A signal-element is shortest unit (timewise) of a digital-signal.
A data-element is the bit.	A signal-element carries data-elements.
Data-elements are being carried.	Signal-elements are the carriers.

➤ Ratio r is defined as number of data-elements carried by each signal-element.

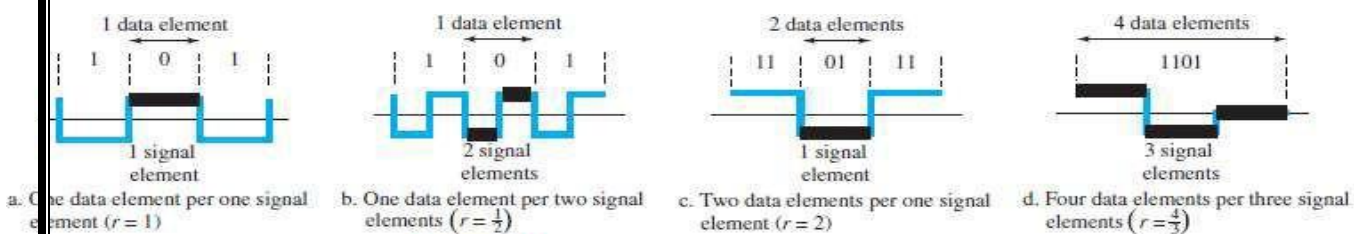


Figure 4.2 Signal element versus data element

2) Data Rate vs. Signal Rate

Data Rate	Signal Rate
The data-rate defines the number of data-elements (bits) sent in 1 sec.	The signal-rate is the number of signal-elements sent in 1 sec.
The unit is bits per second (bps).	The unit is the baud.

The data-rate is sometimes called the bit-rate.	The signal-rate is sometimes called the pulse rate, the modulation rate, or the baud rate
Goal in data-communications: increase the data-rate.	Goal in data-communications: decrease the signal-rate.
Increasing the data-rate increases the speed of transmission.	Decreasing the signal-rate decreases the bandwidth requirement.

- The relationship between data-rate and signal-rate is given by

$$S_{\text{ave}} = c \times N \times (1/r) \quad \text{baud}$$

where N = data-rate (in bps)

c = case factor, which varies for each case S = number of signal-elements and

r = previously defined factor.

- This relationship depends on
 - value of r.
 - data pattern.

(If we have a data pattern of all 1s or all 0s, the signal-rate may be different from a data pattern of alternating 0s and 1s).

Bandwidth

- Digital signal that carries information is non-periodic.
- The bandwidth of a non-periodic signal is continuous with an infinite range.
- However, most digital-signals we encounter in real life have a bandwidth with finite values.
- The effective bandwidth is finite.
- The baud rate, not the bit-rate, determines the required bandwidth for a digital-signal.
- More changes in the signal mean injecting more frequencies into the signal.
(Frequency means change and change means frequency.)
- Relationship b/w baud rate (signal-rate) and the bandwidth (range of frequencies) is given as

$$B_{\text{min}} = c \times N \times (1/r)$$

where N = data-rate (in bps)

c = case factor, which varies for each case r = previously defined factor

B_{min} = minimum bandwidth

Baseline Wandering

- While decoding, the receiver calculates a running-average of the received signal-power. This average is called the baseline
- The incoming signal-power is estimated against this baseline to determine the value of the data-element.
- A long string of 0s or 1s can cause a drift in the baseline (baseline wandering).
Thus, make it difficult for the receiver to decode correctly.
- A good line-coding scheme needs to prevent baseline wandering.

DC Components

- When the voltage-level in a digital-signal is constant for a while, the spectrum creates very low frequencies.
- These frequencies around zero are called DC (direct-current) components.
- DC components present problems for a system that cannot pass low frequencies.
- For example: Telephone line cannot pass frequencies below 200 Hz.
- For Telephone systems, we need a scheme with no DC component.

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Built-in Error Detection

- Built-in error-detecting capability has to be provided to detect the errors that occurred during transmission.

Immunity to Noise & Interference

- The code should be immune to noise and other interferences.

Complexity

- A complex scheme is costlier to implement than a simple one.
- For ex: A scheme that uses 4 signal-levels is more difficult to interpret than one that uses only 2 levels.

Self-Synchronization

- To correctly interpret the signals received from the sender, the receiver's bit intervals must correspond exactly to the sender's bit intervals.
- If the receiver clock is faster or slower, the bit intervals are not matched and the receiver might misinterpret the signals.

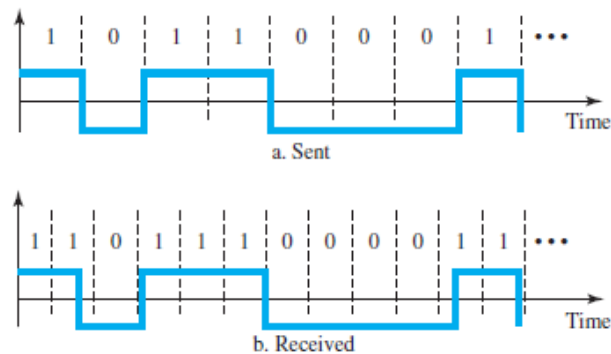


Figure 4.3 Effect of lack of synchronization

- As shown in figure 4.3, we have a situation where the receiver has shorter bit duration.
- The sender sends 10110001, while the receiver receives 110111000011.
- A self-synchronizing digital-signal includes timing-information in the data being transmitted.
 - ✕ This can be achieved if there are transitions in the signal that alert the receiver to the beginning, middle, or end of the pulse.
 - ✕ If the receiver's clock is out-of-synchronization, these points can reset the clock.

LINE CODING SCHEMES

- The Line Coding schemes are classified into 3 broad categories (Figure 4.4):

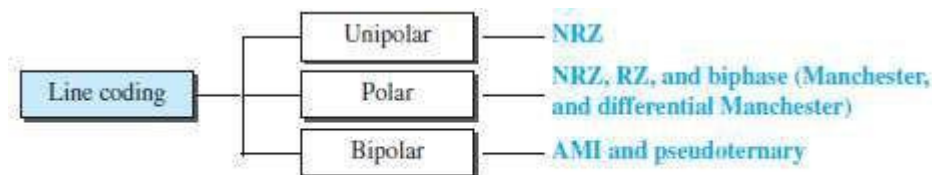


Figure 4.4 Line coding schemes

Unipolar Scheme

- All signal levels are either above or below the time axis.

NRZ (Non-Return-to-Zero)

- The positive voltage defines bit 1 and the zero voltage defines bit 0 (Figure 4.5).
- It is called NRZ because the signal does not return to 0 at the middle of the bit.

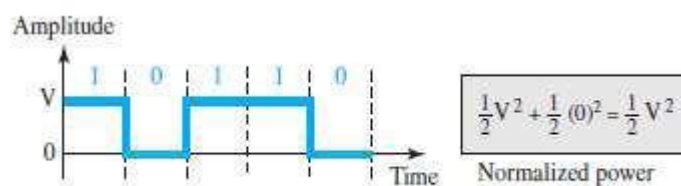


Figure 4.5 Unipolar NRZ scheme

- Disadvantages:
 - 1) Compared to polar scheme, this scheme is very costly.

- 2) Also, the normalized power is double that for polar NRZ.
- 3) Not suitable for transmission over channels with poor performance around zero frequency.
(Normalized power \rightarrow power needed to send 1 bit per unit line resistance)

Polar Schemes

- The voltages are on the both sides of the time axis.
- Polar NRZ scheme can be implemented with two voltages (V).
For example: -V for bit 1
+V for bit 0.

a) Non-Return-to-Zero (NRZ)

- We use 2 levels of voltage amplitude.
- Two versions of polar NRZ (Figure 4.6):

i) NRZ-L (NRZ-Level)

- ✕ The level of the voltage determines the value of the bit.
- ✕ For example: i) Voltage-level for 0 can be positive and

ii) Voltage-level for 1 can be negative.

ii) NRZ-I (NRZ-Invert)

- ✕ The change or lack of change in the level of the voltage determines the value of the bit.
- ✕ If there is no change, the bit is 0;
If there is a change, the bit is 1.

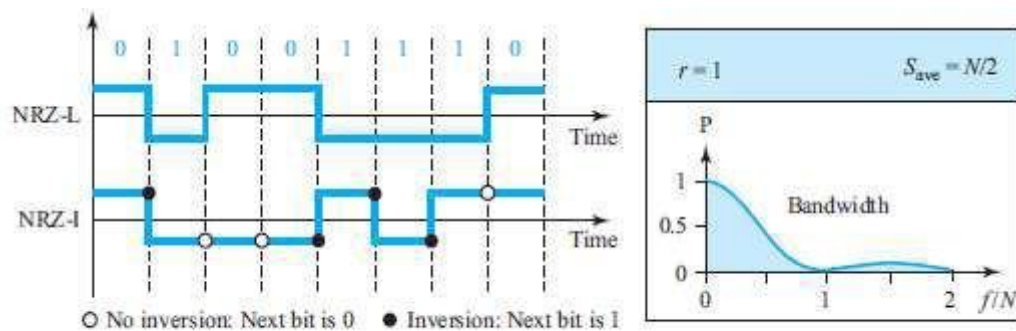


Figure 4.6 Polar NRZ-L and NRZ-I schemes

➤ Disadvantages:

- 1) **Baseline wandering** is a problem for both variations (NRZ-L NRZ-I).
 - i) In NRZ-L, if there is a long sequence of 0s or 1s, the average signal-power becomes skewed.
The receiver might have difficulty discerning the bit value.
 - ii) In NRZ-I, this problem occurs only for a long sequence of 0s.
If we eliminate the long sequence of 0s, we can avoid baseline wandering.
- 2) The **synchronization problem** also exists in both schemes.
 - A long sequence of 0s can cause a problem in both schemes.
 - A long sequence of 1s can cause a problem in only NRZ-L.
- 3) In NRZ-L, problem occurs when there is a sudden **change of polarity** in the system.
 - ✕ For example:
In twisted-pair cable, a change in the polarity of the wire results in
 - all 0s interpreted as 1s and
 - all 1s interpreted as 0s.
 - ✕ NRZ-I does not have this problem.
 - ✕ Both schemes have an average signal-rate of $N/2$ Bd.

NRZ-L and NRZ-I both have a **DC component problem**

b) Return-to-Zero (RZ)

- In NRZ encoding, problem occurs when the sender-clock and receiver-clock are not synchronized.
- Solution: Use return-to-zero (RZ) scheme (Figure 4.7).

- RZ scheme uses 3 voltages: positive, negative, and zero.
- There is always a transition at the middle of the bit. Either
 - i) from high to zero (for 1) or
 - ii) from low to zero (for 0)

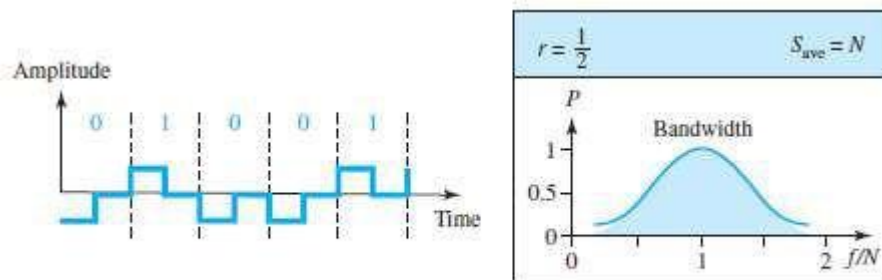


Figure 4.7 Polar RZ scheme

- Disadvantages:
 - 1) RZ encoding requires 2 signal-changes to encode a bit & ∴ occupies greater bandwidth.
 - 2) Complexity: RZ uses 3 levels of voltage, which is more complex to create and detect.
 - 3) Problem occurs when there is a sudden change of polarity in the system. This result in
 - all 0s interpreted as 1s &
 - all 1s interpreted as 0s.

c) Biphase: Manchester & Differential Manchester

i) Manchester Encoding

- This is a combination of NRZ-L & RZ schemes (RZ → transition at the middle of the bit).
- There is always a transition at the middle of the bit. Either
 - i) from high to low (for 0) or
 - ii) from low to high (for 1).
- It uses only two voltage levels (Figure 4.8).
- The duration of the bit is divided into 2 halves.
- The voltage
 - remains at one level during the first half &
 - moves to the other level in the second half.
- The transition at the middle of the bit provides synchronization.

ii) Differential Manchester

- This is a combination of NRZ-I and RZ schemes.
- There is always a transition at the middle of the bit, but the bit-values are determined at the beginning of the bit.
- If the next bit is 0, there is a transition. If the next bit is 1, there is none.

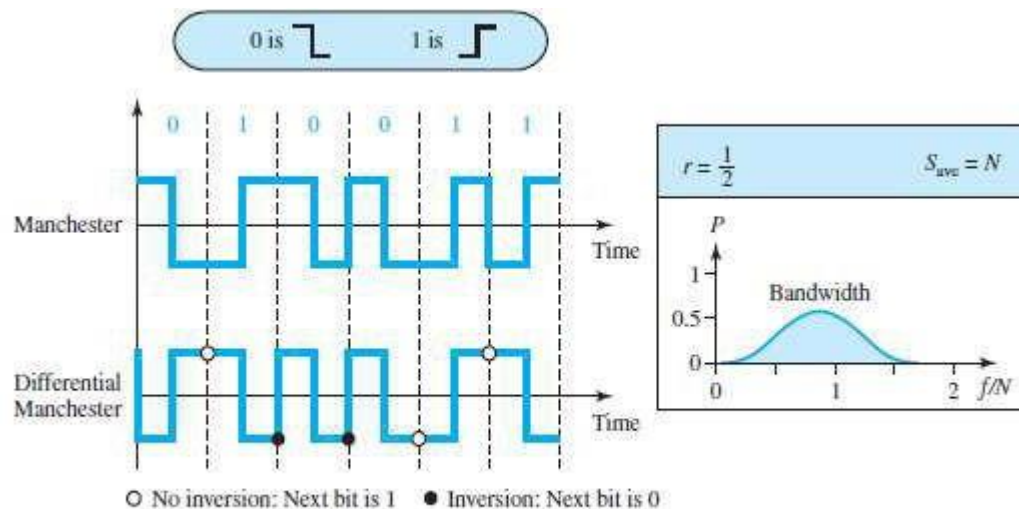


Figure 4.8 Polar biphase: Manchester and differential Manchester schemes

➤ Advantages:

- 1) The Manchester scheme overcomes problems associated with NRZ-L. Differential Manchester overcomes problems associated with NRZ-I.
- 2) There is no baseline wandering.
- 3) There is no DC component '∴' each bit has a positive & negative voltage contribution.

➤ Disadvantage:

- 1) Signal-rate: Signal-rate for Manchester & diff. Manchester is double that for NRZ.

Bipolar Schemes (or Multilevel Binary)

- This coding scheme uses 3 voltage levels (Figure 4.9):

- i) positive
- ii) negative &
- iii) zero.

- Two variations of bipolar encoding:

- i) AMI (Alternate Mark Inversion)
- ii) Pseudoternary

i) AMI

- Binary 0 is represented by a neutral 0 voltage (AMI → Alternate 1 Inversion).
- Binary 1s are represented by alternating positive and negative voltages.

ii) Pseudoternary

- Binary 1 is represented by a neutral 0 voltage.
- Binary 0s are represented by alternating positive and negative voltages.

➤ Advantages:

- 1) The bipolar scheme has the same signal-rate as NRZ.
- 2) There is no DC component '∴' each bit has a positive & negative voltage contribution.
- 3) The concentration of the energy is around frequency $N/2$.

➤ Disadvantage:

- 1) AMI has a synchronization problem when a long sequence of 0s is present in the data.

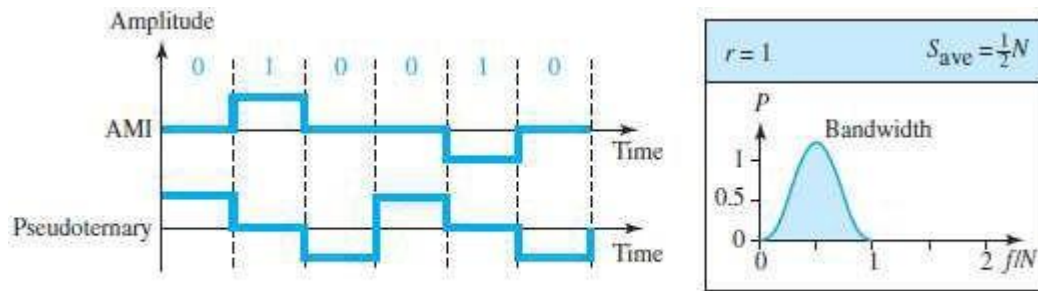


Figure 4.9 Bipolar schemes: AMI and pseudoternary

ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERSION

- An analog-signal may created by a microphone or camera.
- To change an analog-signal to digital-data, we use PCM (pulse code modulation).
- After the digital-data are created (digitization), then we convert the digital-data to a digital-signal.

PCM

- PCM is a technique used to change an analog signal to digital data (digitization).
- PCM has encoder at the sender and decoder at the receiver.
- The encoder has 3 processes (Figure 4.21):

- 1) Sampling
- 2) Quantization &
- 3) Encoding.

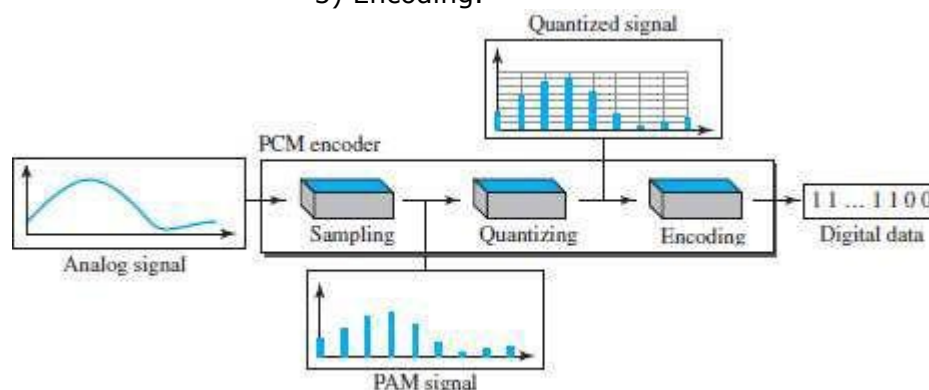


Figure 4.21 Components of PCM encoder

Sampling

- We convert the continuous time signal (analog) into the discrete time signal (digital).
- Pulses from the analog-signal are sampled every T_s sec
where T_s is the sample-interval or period.
- The inverse of the sampling-interval is called the sampling-frequency (or sampling-rate).
- Sampling-frequency is given by

$$f_s = 1/T_s$$

Three sampling methods

1) Ideal Sampling

- This method is difficult to implement.

2) Natural Sampling

- A high-speed switch is turned ON for only the small period of time when the sampling occurs.
- The result is a sequence of samples that retains the shape of the analog-signal.

3) Flat Top Sampling

- The most common sampling method is sample and hold.
- Sample and hold method creates flat-top samples.
- This method is sometimes referred to as PAM (pulse amplitude modulation).

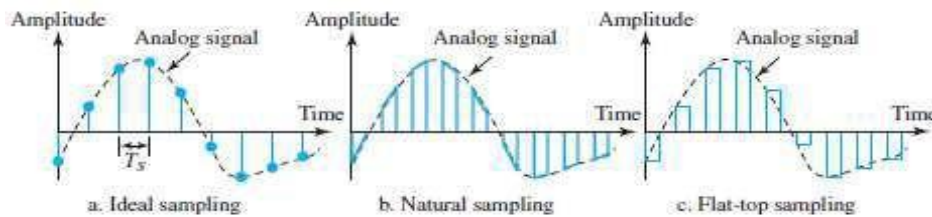


Figure 4.22 Three different sampling methods for PCM

Sampling Rate

- According to Nyquist theorem,
 "The sampling-rate must be at least 2 times the highest frequency, not the bandwidth".
 i) If the analog-signal is **low-pass**, the bandwidth and the highest frequency are the same value (Figure 4.23a).

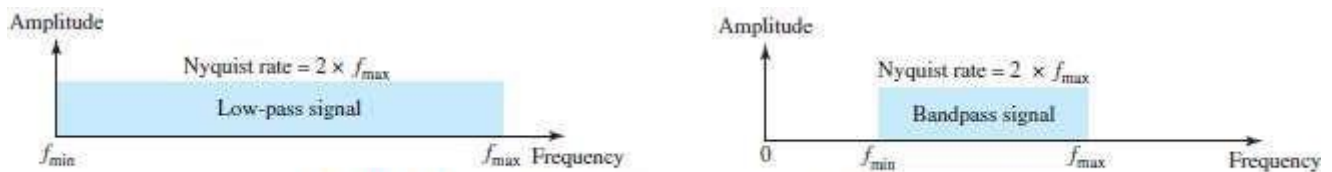


Figure 4.23 Nyquist sampling rate for low-pass and bandpass signals

- ii) If the analog-signal is **bandpass**, the bandwidth value is lower than the value of the maximum frequency (Figure 4.23b).

Quantization

- The sampled-signal is quantized.
- Result of sampling is a set of pulses with amplitude-values b/w max & min amplitudes of the signal.
- Four steps in quantization:
 1) We assume that the original analog-signal has amplitudes between V_{min} & V_{max} .
 2) We divide the range into L zones, each of height Δ (delta).

$$\Delta = \frac{V_{max} - V_{min}}{L}$$

where L = number of levels.

- 3) We assign quantized values of 0 to $(L-1)$ to the midpoint of each zone.
- 4) We approximate the value of the sample amplitude to the quantized values.
- For example: Let $V_{min} = -20$ $V_{max} = +20$ V $L = 8$ Therefore, $\Delta = [+20 - (-20)]/8 = 5$ V
- In the chart (Figure 4.26),

- 1) First row is normalized-PAM-value for each sample.
- 2) Second row is normalized-quantized-value for each sample.
- 3) Third row is normalized error (which is diff. b/w normalized PAM value & quantized values).
- 4) Fourth row is quantization code for each sample.
- 5) Fifth row is the encoded words (which are the final products of the conversion).



Figure 4.26 Quantization and encoding of a sampled signal

Quantization Level

- Let L = number of levels.
- The choice of L depends on
 - range of the amplitudes of the analog-signal and
 - how accurately we need to recover the signal.
- If the signal has only 2 amplitude values, we need only 2 quantization-levels.
If the signal (like voice) has many amplitude values, we need more quantization-levels.
- In audio digitizing, L is normally chosen to be 256.
In video digitizing, L is normally thousands.
- Choosing lower values of L increases the quantization-error.

Quantization Error

- Quantization-error is the difference b/w normalized PAM value & quantized values
- Quantization is an approximation process.
- The input values to the quantizer are the real values.
The output values from the quantizer are the approximated values.
- The output values are chosen to be the middle value in the zone.
- If the input value is also at the middle of the zone,
Then, there is no error.
Otherwise, there is an error.
- In the previous example,
The normalized amplitude of the third sample is 3.24, but the normalized quantized value is 3.50. This means that there is an error of +0.26.

Uniform vs. Non Uniform Quantization

- Non-uniform quantization can be done by using a process called companding and expanding.
 - 1) The signal is companded at the sender before conversion.
 - 2) The signal is expanded at the receiver after conversion.
- Companding means reducing the instantaneous voltage amplitude for large values.
Expanding means increasing the instantaneous voltage amplitude for small values.
- It has been proved that non-uniform quantization effectively reduces the SNR_{dB} of quantization.

Encoding

- The quantized values are encoded as n -bit code word.
- In the previous example,
A quantized value 2 is encoded as 010. A quantized value 5 is encoded as 101.
- Relationship between number of quantization-levels (L) & number of bits (n) is given by
 $n = \log_2 L$ or $2^n = L$
- The bit-rate is given by:

$$\text{Bit rate} = \text{sampling rate} \times \text{number of bits per sample} = f_s \times n$$

Original Signal Recovery

- PCM decoder is used for recovery of the original signal.
- Here is how it works (Figure 4.27):
 - 1) The decoder first uses circuitry to convert the code words into a pulse that holds the amplitude until the next pulse.
 - 2) Next, the staircase-signal is passed through a low-pass filter to smooth the staircase signal into an analog-signal.
- The filter has the same cut-off frequency as the original signal at the sender.
- If the signal is sampled at the Nyquist sampling-rate, then the original signal will be re-created.
- The maximum and minimum values of the original signal can be achieved by using amplification.

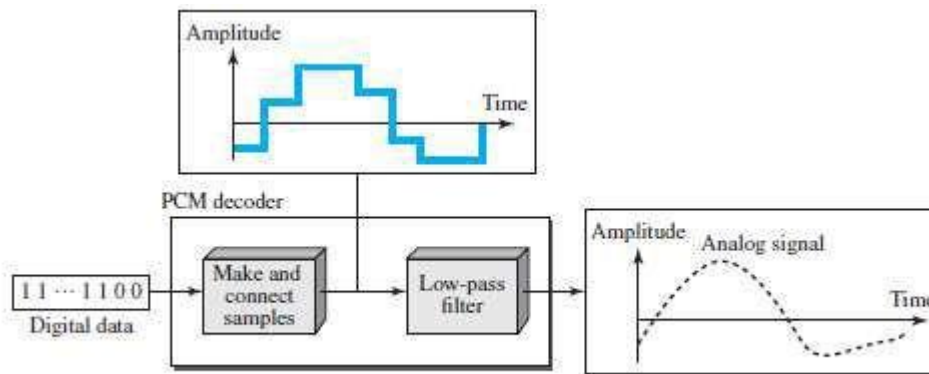


Figure 4.27 Components of a PCM decoder

PCM Bandwidth

- The minimum bandwidth of a line-encoded signal is

$$B_{\min} = c \times N \times \frac{1}{r}$$

- We substitute the value of N in above formula:

$$B_{\min} = c \times N \times \frac{1}{r} = c \times n_b \times f_s \times \frac{1}{r} = c \times n_b \times 2 \times B_{\text{analog}} \times \frac{1}{r}$$

- When $1/r = 1$ (for a NRZ or bipolar signal) and $c = (1/2)$ (the average situation), the minimum bandwidth is

$$B_{\min} = n_b \times B_{\text{analog}}$$

- This means the minimum bandwidth of the digital-signal is n_b times greater than the bandwidth of the analog-signal.

Maximum Data Rate of a Channel

- The Nyquist theorem gives the data-rate of a channel as

$$N_{\max} = 2 \times B \times \log_2 L$$

- We can deduce above data-rate from the Nyquist sampling theorem by using the following arguments.

- 3) We assume that the available channel is low-pass with bandwidth B.
- 4) We assume that the digital-signal we want to send has L levels, where each level is a signal-element. This means $r = 1/\log_2 L$.
- 5) We first pass digital-signal through a low-pass filter to cut off the frequencies above B Hz.
- 6) We treat the resulting signal as an analog-signal and sample it at $2 \times B$ samples per second and quantize it using L levels.
- 7) The resulting bit-rate is

$$N = f_s \times n_b = 2 \times B \times \log_2 L$$

This is the maximum bandwidth; if the case factor c increases, the data-rate is reduced.

$$N_{\max} = 2 \times B \times \log_2 L \text{ bps}$$

Minimum Required Bandwidth

- The previous argument can give us the minimum bandwidth if the data-rate and the number of signal-levels are fixed. We can say

$$B_{\min} = \frac{N}{(2 \times \log_2 L)} \text{ Hz}$$

TRANSMISSION MODES

- Two ways of transmitting data over a link (Figure 4.31): 1) Parallel mode & 2) Serial mode.

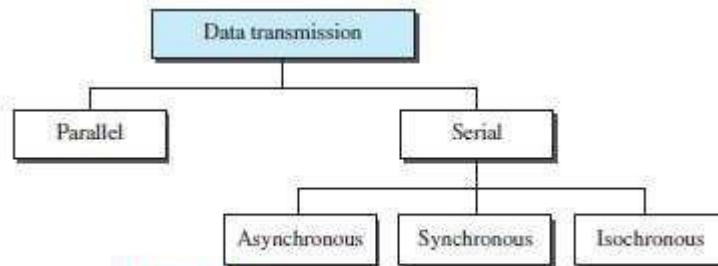


Figure 4.31 Data transmission and modes

PARALLEL TRANSMISSION

- Multiple bits are sent with each clock-tick (Figure 4.32).
- „n' bits in a group are sent simultaneously.
- „n' wires are used to send „n' bits at one time.
- Each bit has its own wire.
- Typically, the 8 wires are bundled in a cable with a connector at each end.

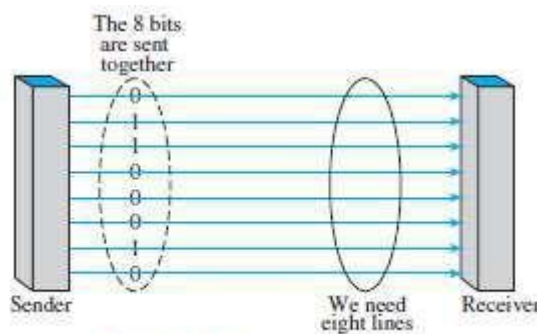


Figure 4.32 Parallel transmission

- Advantage:
 - 1) Speed: Parallel transmission can increase the transfer speed by a factor of n over serial transmission.
- Disadvantage:
 - 1) Cost: Parallel transmission requires n communication lines just to transmit the data-stream. Because this is expensive, parallel transmission is usually limited to short distances.

SERIAL TRANSMISSION

- One bit is sent with each clock-tick using only a single link (Figure 4.33).

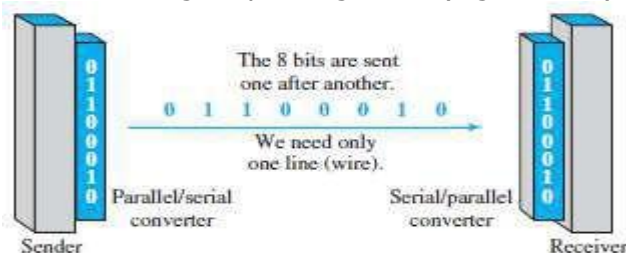


Figure 4.33 Serial transmission

- Advantage:
 - 1) Cost: Serial transmission reduces cost of transmission over parallel by a factor of n.
- Disadvantage:
 - 1) Since communication within devices is parallel, following 2 converters are required at interface:
 - i) Parallel-to-serial converter
 - ii) Serial-to-parallel converter
- Three types of serial transmission: asynchronous, synchronous, and isochronous.

Asynchronous Transmission

- Asynchronous transmission is so named because the timing of a signal is not important (Figure 4.34).

- Prior to data transfer, both sender & receiver agree on pattern of information to be exchanged.
- Normally, patterns are based on grouping the bit-stream into bytes.
- The sender transmits each group to the link without regard to a timer.
- As long as those patterns are followed, the receiver can retrieve the info. without regard to a timer.
- There may be a gap between bytes.
- We send
 - 1 start bit (0) at the beginning of each byte
 - 1 stop bit (1) at the end of each byte.
- Start bit alerts the receiver to the arrival of a new group.
- Stop bit lets the receiver know that the byte is finished.
- Here, the term asynchronous means "asynchronous at the byte level".
- However, the bits are still synchronized & bit-durations are the same.

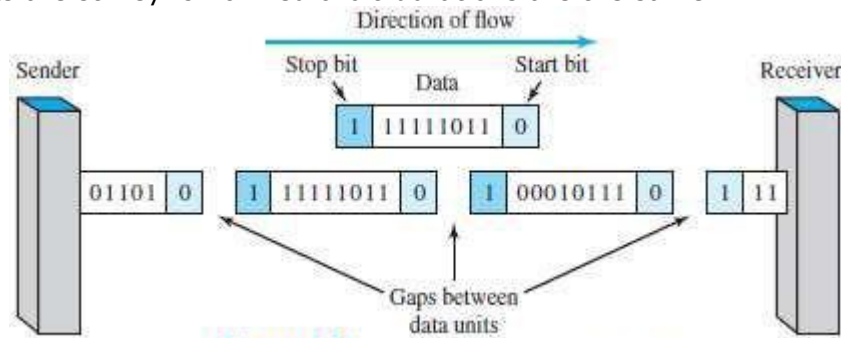


Figure 4.34 Asynchronous transmission

- Disadvantage:
 - 1) Slower than synchronous transmission. (Because of stop bit, start bit and gaps)
- Advantages:
 - 1) Cheap & effective.
 - 2) Useful for low-speed communication.

Synchronous Transmission

- We send bits one after another without start or stop bits or gaps (Figure 4.35).
- The receiver is responsible for grouping the bits.
- The bit-stream is combined into longer "frames," which may contain multiple bytes.
- If the sender wants to send data in separate bursts, the gaps b/w bursts must be filled with a special sequence of 0s & 1s (that means idle).

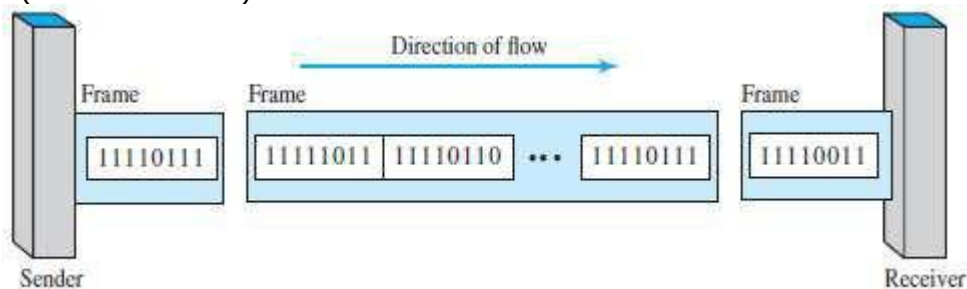


Figure 4.35 Synchronous transmission

- Advantages:
 - 1) Speed: Faster than asynchronous transmission. („" of no stop bit, start bit and gaps).
 - 2) Useful for high-speed applications such as transmission of data from one computer to another.

Isochronous

- Synchronization between characters is not enough; the entire stream of bits must be synchronized.
- The isochronous transmission guarantees that the data arrive at a fixed rate.
- In real-time audio/video, jitter is not acceptable. Therefore, synchronous transmission fails.
- For example: TV images are broadcast at the rate of 30 images per second. The images must be viewed at the same rate.

DIGITAL TO ANALOG CONVERSION

- Digital-to-analog conversion is the process of changing one of the characteristics of an analog-signal based on the information in digital-data (Figure 5.1).

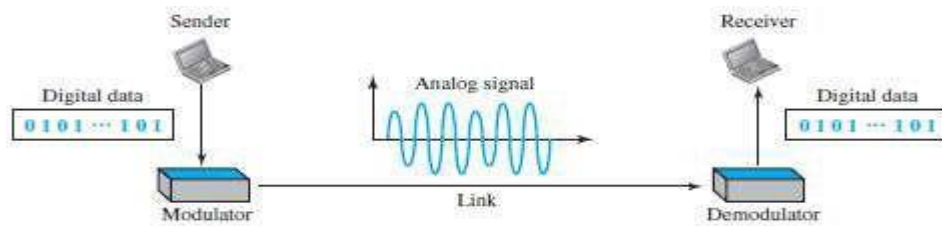


Figure 5.1 Digital-to-analog conversion

- A sine wave can be defined by 3 attributes:
 - 1) Amplitude
 - 2) Frequency &
 - 3) Phase.
- When anyone of the 3 attributes of a wave is varied, a different version of the wave will be created.
- So, by changing one attribute of an analog signal, we can use it to represent digital-data.
- Four methods of digital to analog conversion (Figure 5.2):
 - 1) Amplitude shift keying (ASK)
 - 2) Frequency shift keying (FSK)
 - 3) Phase shift keying (PSK)
 - 4) Quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM).
- QAM is a combination of ASK and PSK i.e. QAM combines changing both the amplitude and phase. QAM is the most efficient of these 4 methods. QAM is the method commonly used today.

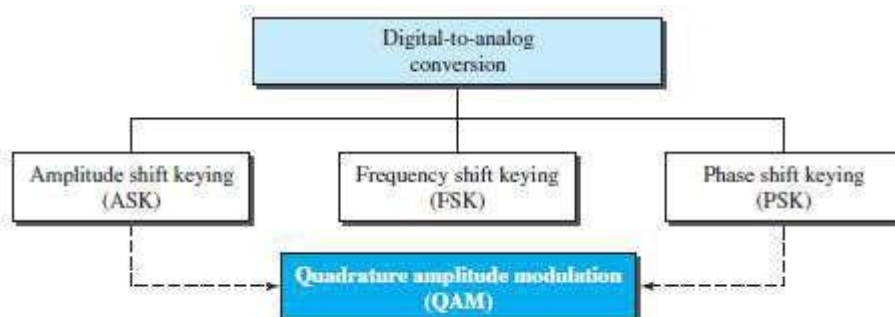


Figure 5.2 Types of digital-to-analog conversion

Aspects of Digital-to-Analog Conversion

1) Data Element vs. Signal Element

- A data-element is the smallest piece of information to be exchanged i.e. the bit.
- A signal-element is the smallest unit of a signal that is transmitted.

2) Data Rate vs. Signal Rate

- Data rate (Bit rate) is the number of bits per second.
- Signal-rate (Baud rate) is the number of signal elements per second.
- The relationship between data-rate(N) and the signal-rate(S) is

$$S = N \times \frac{1}{r} \text{ baud}$$

where r = number of data-elements carried in one signal-element.

- The value of r is given by $r = \log_2 L$ or $2^r = L$
where L = type of signal-element (not the level)

(In transportation,
→ a baud is analogous to a vehicle, and

- → a bit is analogous to a passenger.

We need to maximize the number of people per car to reduce the traffic).

3) Carrier Signal

- The sender produces a high-frequency signal that acts as a base for the information-signal.
- This base-signal is called the carrier-signal (or carrier-frequency).
- The receiver is tuned to the frequency of the carrier-signal that it expects from the sender.
- Then, digital-information changes the carrier-signal by modifying its attributes (amplitude, frequency, or phase). This kind of modification is called modulation (shift keying).

4) Bandwidth

- In both ASK & PSK, the bandwidth required for data transmission is proportional to the signal-rate.
- In FSK, the bandwidth required is the difference between the two carrier-frequencies.

Amplitude Shift Keying (ASK)

- The amplitude of the carrier-signal is varied to represent different signal-elements.
- Both frequency and phase remain constant for all signal-elements.

Binary ASK (BASK)

- BASK is implemented using only 2 levels. (Figure 5.3)
- This is also referred to as OOK (On-Off Keying).

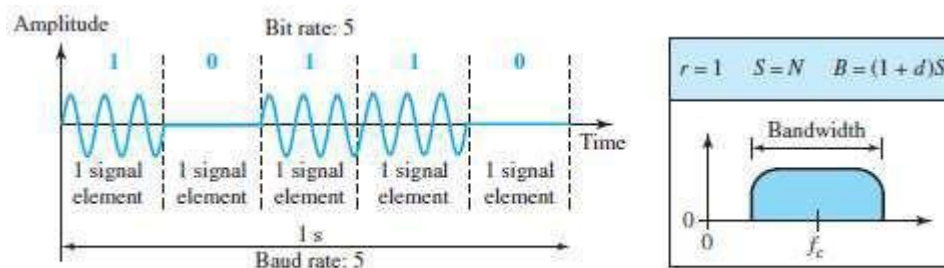


Figure 5.3 Binary amplitude shift keying

Implementation of BASK

- Here, line coding method used = unipolar NRZ (Figure 5.4).
- The unipolar NRZ signal is multiplied by the carrier-frequency coming from an oscillator.
 - 1) When amplitude of the NRZ signal = 0, amplitude of the carrier-signal = 0.
 - 2) When amplitude of the NRZ signal = 1, the amplitude of the carrier-signal is held.

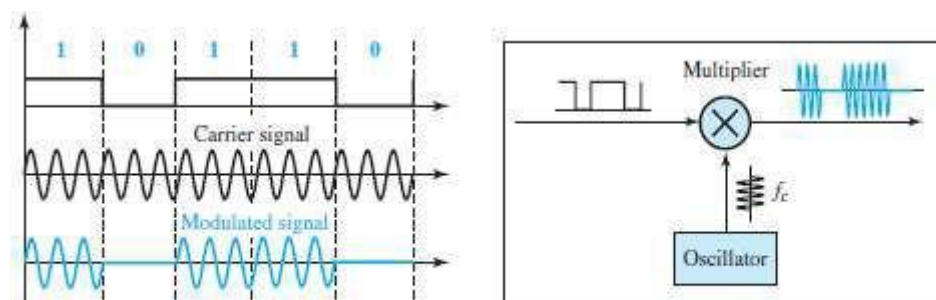


Figure 5.4 Implementation of binary ASK

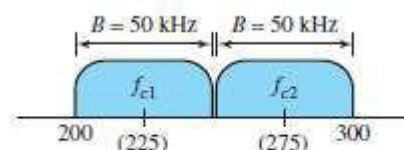


Figure 5.5 Bandwidth of full-duplex ASK

Bandwidth for ASK

- Here, the bandwidth (B) is proportional to the signal-rate (S) (Figure 5.5)
- The bandwidth is given by

$$B = (1 + d) \times S$$

Frequency Shift Keying (FSK)

- The frequency of the carrier-signal is varied to represent different signal-elements.
- The frequency of the modulated-signal is constant for the duration of one signal-element, but changes for the next signal-element if the data-element changes.
- Both amplitude and phase remain constant for all signal-elements.

Binary FSK (BFSK)

- This uses 2 carrier-frequencies: f_1 and f_2 . (Figure 5.6)
 - 1) When data-element = 1, first carrier frequency(f_1) is used.
 - 2) When data-element = 0, second carrier frequency(f_2) is used.

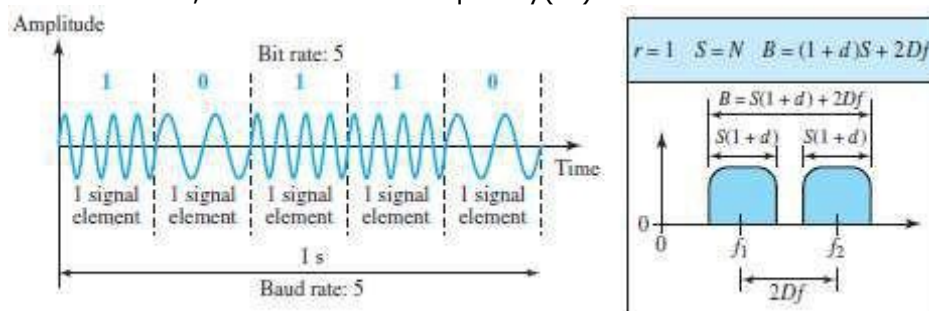


Figure 5.6 Binary frequency shift keying

Implementation

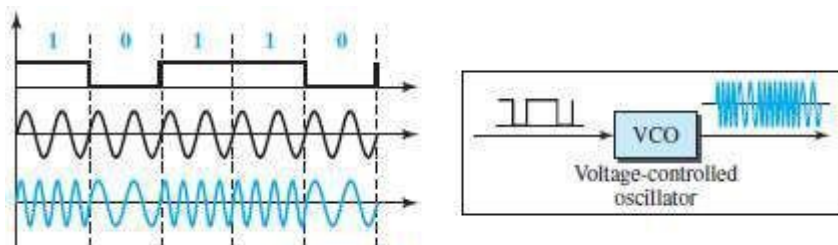


Figure 5.7 Implementation of BFSK

Bandwidth for BFSK

- FSK has two ASK signals, each with its own carrier-frequency f_1 or f_2 . (Figure 5.6)
- The bandwidth is given by

$$B = (1 + d) \times S + 2\Delta f$$

where $2\Delta f$ is the difference between f_1 and f_2 ,

Phase Shift Keying (PSK)

- The phase of the carrier-signal is varied to represent different signal-elements.
- Both amplitude and frequency remain constant for all signal-elements.

Binary PSK (BPSK)

- We have only two signal-elements:
 - 1) First signal-element with a phase of 0° .
 - 2) Second signal-element with a phase of 180° (Figure 5.9).
- ASK vs. PSK
 - In ASK, the criterion for bit detection is the amplitude of the signal.
 - In PSK, the criterion for bit detection is the phase.
- Advantages:
 - 1) PSK is less susceptible to noise than ASK.

- 2) PSK is superior to FSK because we do not need 2 carrier-frequencies.
- Disadvantage:
 - 1) PSK is limited by the ability of the equipment to distinguish small differences in phase.

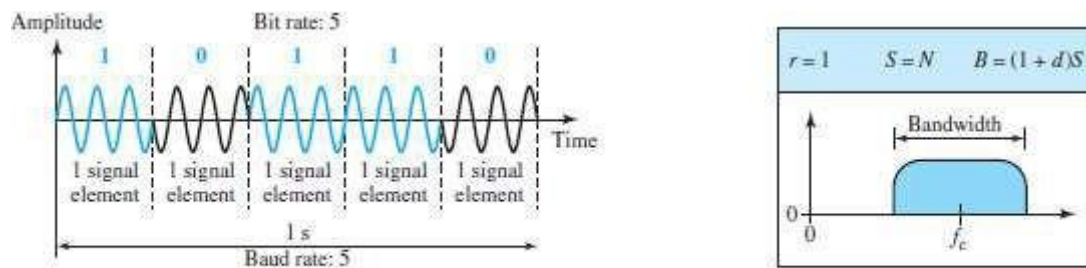


Figure 5.9 Binary phase shift keying

Implementation

- The implementation of BPSK is as simple as that for ASK. (Figure 5.10).
- The signal-element with phase 180° can be seen as the complement of the signal-element with phase 0° .
- Here, line coding method used: polar NRZ.
- The polar NRZ signal is multiplied by the carrier-frequency coming from an oscillator.
 - 1) When data-element = 1, the phase starts at 0° .
 - 2) When data-element = 0, the phase starts at 180° .

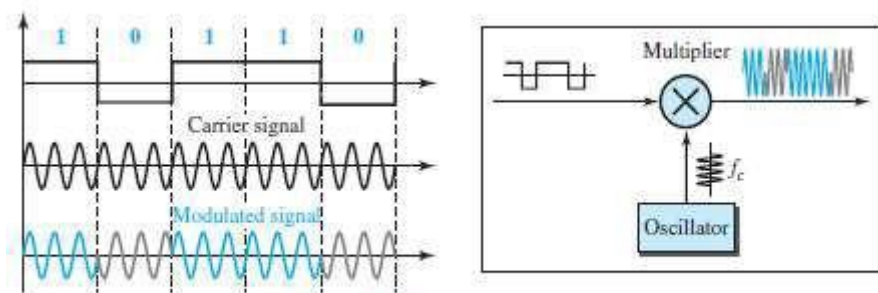


Figure 5.10 Implementation of BASK

Bandwidth for BPSK

- The bandwidth is the same as that for BASK, but less than that for BFSK. (Figure 5.9b)
- No bandwidth is wasted for separating 2 carrier-signals.

Quadrature PSK (QPSK)

- The scheme is called QPSK because it uses 2 separate BPSK modulations (Figure 5.11):
 - 1) First modulation is in-phase,
 - 2) Second modulation is quadrature (out-of-phase).
- A serial-to-parallel converter
 - accepts the incoming bits
 - sends first bit to first modulator and
 - sends second bit to second modulator.
- The bit to each BPSK signal has one-half the frequency of the original signal.
- Advantages:
 - 1) Decreases the baud rate.
 - 2) Decreases the required bandwidth.

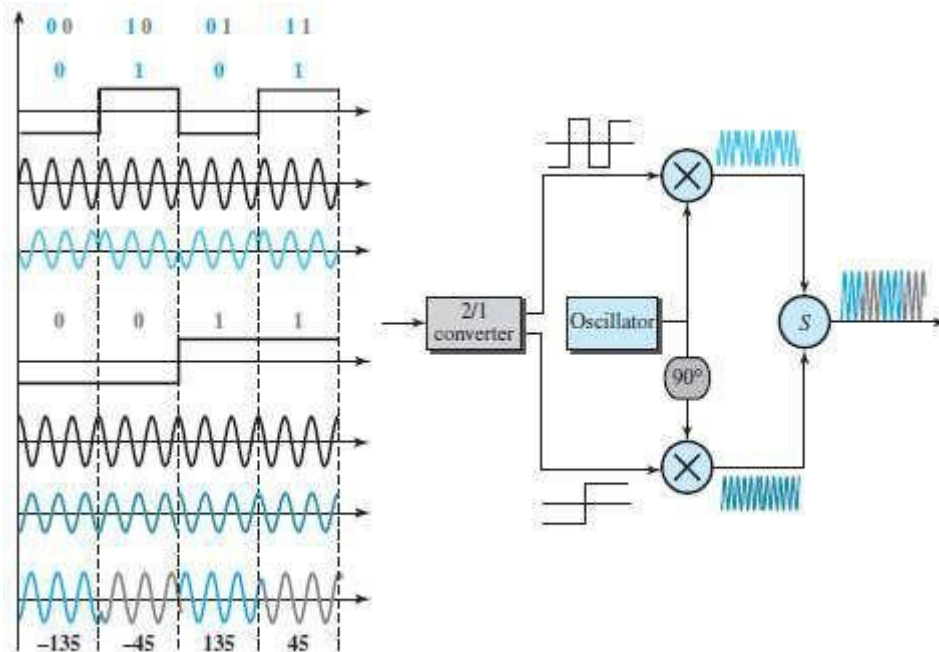


Figure 5.11 QPSK and its implementation

- As shown in Figure 5.11, the 2 composite-signals created by each multiplier are 2 sine waves with the same frequency, but different phases.
- When the 2 sine waves are added, the result is another sine wave, with 4 possible phases: 45° , -45° , 135° , and -135° .
- There are 4 kinds of signal-elements in the output signal ($L=4$), so we can send 2 bits per signal-element ($r=2$).

Constellation Diagram

- A constellation diagram can be used to define the amplitude and phase of a signal-element.
- This diagram is particularly useful
 - when 2 carriers (one in-phase and one quadrature) are used.
 - when dealing with multilevel ASK, PSK, or QAM.
- In a constellation diagram, a signal-element type is represented as a dot.
- The diagram has 2 axes (Figure 5.12):
 - 3) The horizontal X axis is related to the in-phase carrier.
 - 4) The vertical Y axis is related to the quadrature carrier.
- For each point on the diagram, 4 pieces of information can be deduced.
 - 1) The projection of point on the X axis defines the peak amplitude of the in-phase component.
 - 2) The projection of point on Y axis defines peak amplitude of the quadrature component.
 - 3) The length of the line that connects the point to the origin is the peak amplitude of the signal-element (combination of the X and Y components);
 - 4) The angle the line makes with the X axis is the phase of the signal-element.

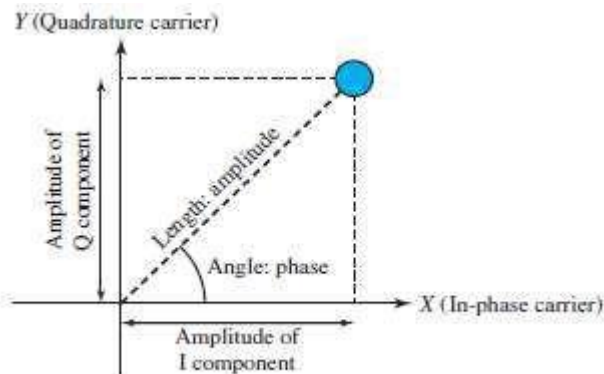


Figure 5.12 Concept of a constellation diagram

Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM)

- This is a combination of ASK and PSK.
- Main idea: Using 2 carriers, one in-phase and the other quadrature, with different amplitude levels for each carrier.
- There are many variations of QAM (Figure 5.14).
 - A) Figure 5.14a shows the 4-QAM scheme using a unipolar NRZ signal. This is same as BASK.
 - B) Figure 5.14b shows another QAM using polar NRZ. This is the same as QPSK.
 - C) Figure 5.14c shows another 4-QAM in which we used a signal with 2 positive levels to modulate each of the 2 carriers.
 - D) Figure 5.14d shows a 16-QAM constellation of a signal with 8 levels, 4 positive & 4 negative.

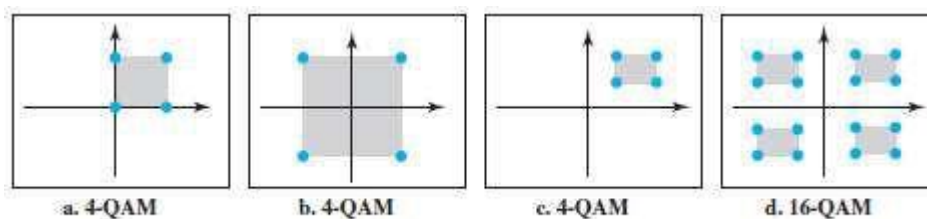


Figure 5.14 Constellation diagrams for some QAMs

Bandwidth for QAM

- The bandwidth is same as in ASK and PSK transmission.
- QAM has the same advantages as PSK over ASK.